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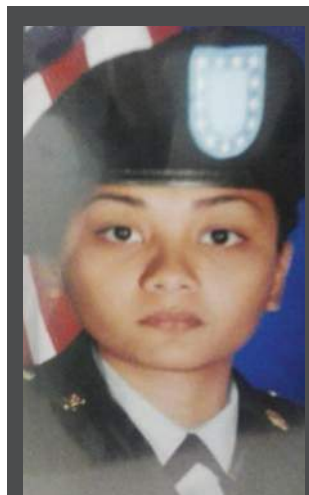
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NMI mourns loss of Army specialist

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A female U.S. Army specialist from the CNMI passed away in Texas, while a CNMI son also serving in the Army is fighting for his life in Tennessee, their relatives separately told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

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To be able to compete, NMI must improve its product

With the economic difficulties facing the CNMI, there is a need to develop a strong and thriving tourism industry and that can be done not only by bringing in more visitors to the islands but also developing more products for tourists to enjoy, according to Willie Tan, chief executive officer for Century Tours, during the company's 10th anniversary celebration last week.

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U.S. Army Specialist Joselyn Tara Mafnas Sablan, 23, passed away on Thursday in Fort Hood, Texas where she was stationed but the Army has yet to complete its investigation on the cause of death, her family said.

CNMI Military & Veterans Affairs Office director Ben Camacho also confirmed Sablan's death, but said its cause

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FIVE DAYS BEFORE DEADLINE

Deadlock within budget panel

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Members of a bicameral panel tasked to come up with a compromise \$114 million budget bill for fiscal year 2013 are deadlocked over funding for priority agencies and work hour cuts of up to eight hours per payroll. This is why there is still no budget bill that the House and Senate can vote on five days before the Sept. 30 deadline.

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» Committee to vote today on at least 2 options, or shutdown



SIGN OF THE TIMES

Amid political campaign billboards near a main road intersection on Capital Hill yesterday is a strong message for Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Medicaid, asking, "What good is Medicaid if you can't get meds?" In August, CNMI Medicaid Program administrator Helen Sablan said the federal government made available \$35.6 million in reimbursement to the local Medicaid program for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 but this was "underutilized" as a result of lack of matching local funds.

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Local

Razzano: All options will be considered to protect Fund

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All options will be considered before any decision is made on a particular way to protect the NMI Retirement Fund.

This was the response of Fund trustee *ad litem* Joseph C. Razzano when asked Friday whether he is entertaining the possibility of reducing pension benefits.

Razzano said they haven't looked at any particular way to protect the Fund and that they are going to look at all options. After that, they will do what's best for the retirees and for the

employees, he said, adding that he has a fiduciary obligation to protect the Fund.

Also, Razzano said they have not taken a position yet on the recently signed Public Law 17-82. "We are researching the issue in trying to determine exactly the constitutional issues. And after we determine that, our lawyers will advise us what they think is the best thing to do."

Public Law 17-82 allows government employees to withdraw their Fund contributions.

In an interview last week, Commonwealth Ports Authority counsel Robert T. Torres said the trustee *ad litem* has

to address and consider CPA's concerns.

"And he has to as a trustee, just like any other trustee for the Fund. And if he doesn't we will register that before Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and Judge Kenneth L. Govendo," Torres said.

Torres said they expect Razzano to advance and protect CPA's interests "just like any other trustee would because so far the Fund has not."

Torres said CPA is a fully contributing employer to the Fund's pension system and would like to know what and how the class action filed by Betty Johnson in

federal court is going to impact CPA and its employees.

Torres emphasized that CPA is part of the Fund and that they want to make sure that the agency's interests and its employees are protected and that there is a resolution.

"Because if not and there is a financial impact, it will affect the community and the traveling public. Costs are going to be passed into the tickets of the traveling public," just like the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s rate.

"We don't want to do that and we want to make sure that that does not happen," Torres added.



A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
Tourism is everybody's business.

Ryoko Yomiuri Tells "Marianas Coffee Story"



Ryoko Yomiuri, a Japanese monthly magazine featuring domestic travel, featured the Northern Marianas in its August 3, 2012, edition, with the article "Marianas Coffee Story."

The article stems from a press trip earlier in the year by magazine "Travel Life," which negotiated with the chief editor of Ryoko Yomiuri for an additional story about the islands. The 5-page story featured an interview with the owners of Marianas Coffee farm and was circulated to 340,000 readers at an estimated ad exposure value of \$57,000.



Marianas Coffee is the title sponsor of the **Marianas Coffee Trail Run**, an annual signature event of the Northern Mariana Islands featuring a trail that summits **Mt. Tapochau**. The 2012 Marianas Coffee Trail Run is set for January 2013.



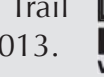
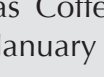
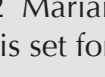
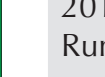
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Tourism stakeholders urged to improve the NMI product

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With the economic difficulties facing the CNMI, there is a need to develop a strong and thriving tourism industry and that can be done not only by bringing in more visitors to the islands but also developing more products for tourists to enjoy.

Willie Tan, chief executive officer for Century Tours, cited the need to constantly improve the Commonwealth's tourism products during the company's 10th anniversary celebration last week.

Tan noted that the Northern Marianas has a lot of "selling points" to potential tourists, including its "great natural beauty," being a U.S. destination with a visa waiver program, and its proximity to primary markets like Japan, Korea, and China. The islands have also developed a reputation as a shopping destination for high-end brands through DFS Galleria.

But to draw more tourists, the CNMI must be able to provide "better products" for its visitors and to do so would require continual review of what other destinations such as Bali in Indonesia, Phuket in Thailand, or Boracay in the Philippines have to offer in an effort to make Commonwealth tourism "stable, sustainable, and competitive."

Tan touted private-public sector should work together to protect and preserve the islands' natural beauty and historical sites as well as ensure that the safety, cleanliness, and health care aspects are sustained.

Tan, who is also the vice chairman of Tan Holdings, said that the private sector can also be tapped to jumpstart major tourism-related projects on the islands such as developing the former La Fiesta Mall to become another shopping

center for visitors.

With DFS as its model, Tan also called for the development of high levels of service standards to make inbound tourists feel at home and relaxed while in the CNMI, given that better products would entice better customers who, in turn, would equate to more revenues and employment opportunities for the community.

He said the tourism industry has the opportunity to take advantage of the growing China market, which has a great potential for the CNMI, and Century Tours is dedicated to cultivating this tourism market by

taking advantage of the company's and the government's infrastructure already in place.

According to Tan, the recent signing of a charter agreement with China Eastern Airline would bring in an A333 airbus

with a 295-seating capacity to fly directly between Beijing and Saipan three times a week beginning this year. The additional charter flights would result in an influx of Chinese tourists that could reach up to more than 100,000 by 2013, he said.

Tan emphasized that the advancement of the CNMI's tourism industry also necessitates substantial actions from the government, particularly in the development of sound policies and incentive programs and in drawing in more tourism-related investors to the islands.

He said tourism is the answer to the Commonwealth's economic woes, so having all the stakeholders focused on moving in one direction to advance the industry would lead to its success.

Government officials and tourism industry leaders joined hundreds of Century Tours employees, vendors, and supporters at the thank-you banquet held Sept. 18 at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.



Tan



BOSSLIFT

Nine CNMI employers went on the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve "Bosslift" aboard the USS Campbell. The Bosslift is a program where ESGR representatives bring employers to a military site for a tour, which increases their appreciation of military service.

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Man charged with using fake rubles

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman found probable cause yesterday to charge a man with using counterfeit Russian rubles to buy several items at DFS Galleria in Garapan.

At a preliminary hearing, Wiseman found probable cause to believe that the crime of theft by deception was committed and that the person who may have committed the offense is Franklin Crisostomo.

The judge ordered the 32-year-old Crisostomo to answer the charge.

Wiseman found no prob-

able cause for the charge of counterfeiting and dismissed the charge.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Crisostomo with theft by deception and counterfeiting after he allegedly used five fake 5,000 Russian rubles to buy several items at DFS on Aug. 24, 2012.

Police said a surveillance camera captured the suspect purchasing the items from three different stores at DFS. The total amount of items sold to Crisostomo was worth \$323, police said. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Kilili: Republican-Ryan budget plan to hurt CNMI people

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) said the Republican-Ryan budget plan will have the most negative impact on least well-off people just like those in the CNMI, at a time when the Commonwealth is already faced with

pension, health and utilities crises.

Sablan, an independent caucusing with the Democrats in U.S. Congress, said the GOP-Ryan plan is also “Robin Hood in reverse—cuts taxes for the rich, raises taxes for everyone else.”

“We all support the idea of getting the federal budget under control and reducing our national debt. But the

Republican-Ryan Budget does that by hurting the least well-off Americans, like the people of the Northern Marianas,” Sablan told reporters in an interview at his office.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, chairman of the Republican Party in the CNMI, has been campaigning hard to have his candidate, Dr. Ignacia Demapan, replace

US art envoy teaches advanced carpentry skills

A three-week advanced woodworking training ended in August, graduating 12 trainees, including one woman. The trainees learned advanced carpentry skills for building tables and chairs from local wood using techniques that did not require the use of nails or screws.

The U.S. Embassy sponsored the workshop held at College of Micronesia-Pohnpei’s vocational building in Kolonia. The workshop was the result of a grant designed to draw on the artistic skills of local artisans to provide training for improving their skills to produce economically viable products.

Planning for the workshop began in May when USDA’s Natural Resources and Conservation Service harvested and prepared a fallen mangrove tree for use in the workshop. The wood was al-

lowed to dry and was the sole source of material used for the tables and benches built during the project.

The instructor, Bill Hewitt, from Boston, Massachusetts, worked with the students for three weeks. The students represented a range of communities around Pohnpei, including Nukuoro, Mokil, and Kapingamarangi. At the completion of the program, the students produced five tables and two chairs. The finished products will be distributed to locations around the island to highlight the potential for locally made products to create an economic benefit to local individuals.

The participants were encouraged upon completion of the course to return to their communities and use their newly acquired skills to produce wood products to earn an income. Instructors



Students work together on their table.
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at Pohnpei Campus have made plans to incorporate the techniques acquired through the training into the existing cabinetmaking curriculum. (COM)

MOURNS

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is “privileged” information between the U.S. Army and Sablan’s family, which has been notified about her passing.

Sablan, who served in Iraq in 2010, was supposed to turn 24 on Oct. 13, her family said.

“Everyone was in shock when we heard the news on Friday (Saipan) time. It’s very sad news. Up to now, we’re still in shock. The whole family is grieving,” her aunt, Frances Mafnas, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Camacho said the family is still grieving about the passing of Sablan and is not yet ready to talk given the difficulty of the situation. “I just want to extend my most sincere condolences to the family for their loss,” he added.

Camacho said his office would assist the Sablan family in every way possible and that Sablan would be buried at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

Sablan’s death brings to 18 the number of CNMI sons and daughters serving in the U.S. military that lost their lives since the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks.

‘Fighting for life’

U.S. Army Specialist Robert Santos Deleon Guerrero, meanwhile, is fighting for his life at an Army hospital in Tennessee, where he was transported over the weekend from Fort Campbell, Kentucky where he is stationed, his uncle, Board of Education member Herman T. Guerrero, said yesterday.

Herman Guerrero said his nephew is in life support system because of aneurism and his parents on Saipan flew to Tennessee on Sunday to be by his side.

“We don’t have much information at this time. But we ask people to include him in your prayers,” Guerrero said, adding that there is nightly rosary being held for his nephew.

The Army specialist is the son of former representative Florencio De-

leon Guerrero and Lucy Santos Deleon Guerrero.

Prayers

Frances Mafnas said the family of the late Army Specialist Joselyn Tara Mafnas Sablan is holding nightly rosary at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman.

“She will be buried here on Saipan. We are just waiting for the Army to tell us when the body will be flown here,” the aunt said.

The aunt said her niece joined the Army sometime in 2009.

“She is the oldest among five children. She has one sister and three brothers aged 14 to 22,” Mafnas said.

Mafnas said her niece, whom she last saw about a year ago, “is a very family-oriented person.”

“They are rich in love. The family is very close to each other. That’s why it’s so shocking for us to hear the news of her passing. We want people’s support and respect at this time,” Mafnas added.

‘Fallen heroes’

Press secretary Angel A. Demapan, when asked for comment, said the administration learned yesterday about Sablan’s death and that a Casualty Assistant Officer arrived last night to assist the family of the late soldier.

“No matter the circumstance, it is always a truly sad day for the Commonwealth to lose a brave daughter or son who has chosen to defend the principles of freedom and liberty for all,” said Demapan.

“Gov. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Inos convey their deepest condolences to the bereaved family and ask the people of the Commonwealth to keep the late Joslyn and her family in thoughts and prayers,” he added.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) said he is “always filled with sadness whenever I am informed of a casualty of a member of our armed services, and in particular when that someone is from the Northern Mariana Islands. I can only imagine the overwhelming grief of a family for the loss

of a loved one.”

“Our Northern Mariana Islands now has 18 fallen heroes in this war on terror and we shall continue to keep them all and their families in our prayers for they have suffered a sacrifice so costly in the defense of our nation and of our freedom. My wife Andrea and I extend our deepest condolences and sympathies to the Mafnas and Sablan families for the loss of their daughter,” the delegate said.

He said one of his highest privileges as a Member of Congress is to request that a U.S. flag be flown on the Capitol in honor of a fallen soldier, Marine, sailor, airman or coast guard man.

“Having the flag of our nation flown on the Capitol on their behalf is the least we can do for their loss. And my request, 18 so far, is always followed by a prayer that it will be the last one I make,” the delegate said.

He also wishes that the Army specialist currently in Tennessee will be able to survive his ordeal.

The CNMI has 18 sons and daughters in the U.S. military that passed away since 2004: Army Sgt. Yihgyh “Eddie” L. Chen (April 4, 2004), Army SSgt. Wilgene Lieto (Oct. 31, 2005), Army Spc. Derence W. Jack (Oct. 31, 2005), Army Sgt. Jesse J. Castro (Dec. 6, 2006), Marine LCpl Adam Q. Emul (Jan. 29, 2007), Army SPC Leeroy A. Camacho (Feb. 9, 2007), Army PFC John D. Flores (May 3, 2007), Army PFC Victor M. Fontanilla (May 17, 2007), Army Spc. Joe Junior G. Charfauros (June 20, 2007), Navy Seaman Anamarie San Nicolas Camacho (Oct. 22, 2007), Army Sgt. Brian S. Leon Guerrero (July 10, 2008), Army SSgt. Julian F. Manglona (Oct. 9, 2008), and Air Force SrA Audra P.M. Winkfield (June 19, 2009), Marine Cpl. Dave Michael Maliksi Santos (2010), Sgt. George Joseph Affatica Sablan (Feb. 10, 2012), U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Ramon T. Kaipat (April 11, 2012), U.S. Army Specialist Hanson Mendiola (July 22, 2012), and U.S. Army Specialist Joselyn Tara Mafnas Sablan (Sept. 20, 2012).

Sablan in the Nov. 6 midterm elections.

The “Republican-Ryan” budget is a popular phrase for the budget plan by U.S. House Budget Committee chair Paul Ryan, the running mate of Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

Sablan cited some specific examples of the negative impacts of the Republican-Ryan budget on the CNMI, including changes in CNMI income taxes if there are changes in the U.S. income taxes. The CNMI mirrors the U.S. tax code.

“There are cuts for the rich, and there are increased taxes for the rest of us,” said Sablan.

He said the Republicans want to end President Barack Obama’s tax cuts for working poor households or those with incomes below \$10,000.

“That’s 1 in 4 households in the Northern Mariana Islands who would see their after-tax incomes fall by 2 percent, on average,” Sablan told reporters.

He said Republicans also want to close the middle tax breaks like the mortgage interest deduction, and the Congressional Joint Economic Committee staff estimates that means over \$1,300 more per year in taxes for the typical family.

Sablan also said under the Republican-Ryan budget plan, people with income above \$1 million would receive a \$265,000 average annual tax cut, on top of the \$129,000 they receive from

extending the Bush tax cuts.

Their after-tax incomes would increase by 12.5 percent, on average—seven times more than the 1.8 percent average gain for middle-income households.

Sablan said the top 1 percent of taxpayers would receive 45 percent of the new tax cuts, or nearly as much as the rest of the nation combined.

EMO warns of high surf

The Emergency Management Office issued yesterday a high surf advisory that will be in effect from 6pm last night to 4pm on Thursday in the wake of a tropical depression that formed about 530 miles northwest of Saipan.

EMO said that hazardous surf of 7 to 9 feet is expected along west facing shores. Surf will build to 9 to 11 feet today and continue through Wednesday before gradually subsiding on Thursday.

EMO urges the public to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along west facing reefs as rip currents are life threatening.

Beachgoers, fishermen, tourists, swimmers, divers, and surfers are encouraged to exercise caution along exposed reefs and beaches.

The tropical depression is expected to trigger a few thunderstorms across the Marianas. Monsoon winds across the Philippine Sea are producing a large westerly swell. (EMO)

DEADLOCK

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If no budget is passed and signed into law by Sunday, the government will have to partially shut down starting Oct. 1.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) and Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) separately said that as of yesterday, the conference committee on the budget bill was still off track by \$5.2 million.

This means they have appropriated \$119.2 million for all agencies when the projected revenue is only \$114 million in fiscal year 2013.

Taimanao and Basa confirmed a deadlock among the six conferees. But they said they will make a final decision today by vote.

Taimanao said there are at least two options that the conference committee will vote on.

She said Option A is prioritize funding for five government agencies with up to 72 work hours instead of 80 hours per payroll.

Option B is going with the governor’s revised budget submission that has lower funding for the conferees’ so-called “priority agencies” such as the Public School System and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

The third scenario would be a repeat of the 2010 shutdown, because of the deadlock between the House and Senate. A shutdown could result in having over 1,400 government employees temporarily out of job until a new budget is in place.

Basa and Taimanao said if the conference committee stays firm in giving priority funding to five agencies, such as \$33 million for PSS and \$5 million in direct subsidy to CHC, then they have to make an across-the-board cut of some 8 percent. This could also mean reducing work hours by eight every payroll, or no restoration of the full 80 hours biweekly in 2013.

“Giving is the easy part. Cutting is the hard part,” Basa said.

Some conferees want to restore 80 hours per payroll, while others said if the only way to balance the budget is to cut work hours, then they should go with it.

But if the conferees vote to go with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial’s revised budget submission, then PSS will only be getting \$29.5 million, for example.

The priority agencies as far as the conferees are concerned are PSS, CHC, Northern Marianas College, Medicaid reimbursement, and medical referral.

The conferees have already agreed to cross off the Senate’s proposed \$300,000 each in retroactive payments to Rota and Saipan, so this is no longer a point of contention.

Other lawmakers said they are looking forward to seeing a compromise budget bill from the conference committee. They said they do not want to vote on a budget bill without being given ample time to review it, at least for a day.

Government employees are now anxious about the looming possibility of a shutdown because of the impasse among conferees. They said the conferees have been meeting behind closed-doors, thereby depriving the general public of what’s really holding up the panel from releasing a budget bill.

The House and Senate may call a session on Wednesday.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the Fitial administration has already been preparing for the worst, putting in place a government shutdown contingency plan and listing the positions exempted from the government shutdown such as doctors, nurses, police officers, corrections officers, and utility field crews.

The CNMI government went through a partial shutdown in 2010 over a bitter budget deadlock between the House and Senate. That shutdown, which lasted for some 10 days, resulted in over 1,400 government employees temporarily out of jobs.

Richards officially out of Healthcare Corp. board

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Dr. Jeremy Richards is officially out as a member of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board but his replacement, Dr. Daniel Lamar, is not considered a board member and will not be able to vote on board issues.

Corporation board chair Joaquin Torres said yesterday that Lamar only accepted the director for Medical Affairs post in an acting capacity and not as a full-time job as required by corporation bylaws.

Lamar disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that corpo-

ration CEO Juan N. Babauta appointed him two weeks ago as temporary director for Medical Affairs, a position that also earns him a seat in the corporation board.

Torres clarified his appointment last Thursday, pointing out that he is not a full board member and there are some issues that need to be deliberated on by board members.

Lamar said he also sent a formal inquiry and talked with Babauta on the status of his appointment, but received no clear response. Yesterday, he said that as far as he is concerned, he is not a member of

the corporation board.

Meantime, Torres said yesterday that the only way for Lamar to become a full board member is if he accepts the DMA post as a full-time position, which is a statutory requirement for the board.

"In the corporation bylaws, there's no acting member. So for Dr. Lamar

to become a full board member, he has to accept the DMA as full time position. When he was offered [the job] by the CEO, I understand that Dr. Lamar just agreed to serve in an acting capacity. That's the only reason about this issue," said Torres, adding that

Lamar's appointment is not in any way related to any other issues about the corporation, including the "rift" between Babauta and Tinian board member Anthony Aguon.

Aguon recently raised some concerns on the leadership demonstrated by Babauta, who then called on the resignation of the board member. Aguon asked the chairman to call an emergency meeting, which has yet to happen.

Torres said the only time a meeting may be called is if he receives from board members their recommendations on possible solutions to the many concerns of the corporation.

"But right now, we have a more serious issue to address and we need to focus on—the Medicare visit. I even pointed out to them that if any board member is willing to contribute in the preparation of the comprehensive action plan, they are welcome. For now, that is our priority and I don't want to waste the members' time in merely debating and discussing the problems of the hospital over and over again, without possible solution being identified," he said.

Torres described the issue about Lamar's appointment as a "distraction" and an "unimportant issue" to talk about at a time when the hospital is dealing with serious deficiencies.

Babauta, during the recent

anniversary celebration of the hospital, told *Saipan Tribune* that Richards' resignation was a result of a concern raised by the National Health Service Corps, which is concerned that Richards has been spending more time in his capacity as DMA of the hospital. Richards, a psychiatrist, is a member of the organization. NHSC members are health professionals providing primary health care services in underserved communities. In exchange, the providers are given either loan repayment or scholarship throughout their medical education.

BEA: Guam GDP grew by 1.2 pct.

HAGATNA, Guam—The Bureau of Economic Analysis released yesterday estimates of gross domestic product for Guam for 2010 and revised estimates for 2002 to 2009.1 IBEA—for the first time—also includes estimates of GDP by industry, compensation by industry, and detailed consumer spending. These estimates were developed under the Statistical Improvement Program funded by the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

GDP for 2010

The estimates for Guam show that real GDP—GDP adjusted to remove price changes—increased 1.2 percent. For comparison, real GDP for the U.S. (excluding the territories) increased 2.4 percent in 2010.

The growth in the economy in 2010 reflected increases in territorial government and federal government spending. The trade balance also contributed to economic growth as imports of goods and services declined more rapidly than exports. Economic growth was tempered by a decline in consumer spending.

More detailed estimates of consumer spending are being released for the first time and show that, for 2010, spending on both goods and services fell. Within goods, spending on durable and nondurable goods contributed to the decline. Net foreign travel, calculated as spending by Guam residents abroad less spending by nonresidents in Guam, also contributed negatively to growth in consumer spending as spending by visitors to Guam outpaced spending by Guam residents abroad.

GDP by Industry and Compensation by Industry

The new estimates of gross domestic product by industry provide additional information on economic growth and complement the aggregate GDP estimates that have been published since 2010. While the GDP estimates show how much the entire economy has grown (or contracted), the GDP by industry estimates show how major

industries have contributed to that growth.

For Guam, the GDP by industry estimates show that the public sector contributed positively to overall GDP growth in 2010. Within the private sector, the construction industry contributed positively to overall growth, as did Guam's accommodations and amusement industry, which grew for the first time since 2004.

The compensation by industry estimates show trends in compensation for major industries. Total compensation grew in 2010, reflecting increases in all major sectors of the economy. An increase in compensation of federal government employees was the largest contributor.

Revisions to GDP

Estimates of GDP for 2002 to 2009 that were released on July 18, 2011, have been revised in order to incorporate improvements to source data and estimation methodologies. Major improvements are:

- Improved methodologies for estimating consumer spending on goods and services;
- The incorporation of newly available data from the U.S. Census Bureau;
- The incorporation of newly available source data for territorial government spending from government financial statements for fiscal year 2010;
- The incorporation of newly available source data on federal government defense spending.

The pattern of growth in the revised estimates is similar to that of the previously published estimates for all years. In both the revised and the published estimates, real GDP increased in all years except 2006.

Future directions

Moving forward, an agreement between OIA and BEA will extend and improve the estimates of GDP for Guam. The information provided by the Guam Government will continue to be critical to the successful production of these estimates.

BEA currently plans to release estimates for 2011 in the spring of 2013. (BEA)

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PSS to end fiscal year with \$8M shortfall

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The CNMI Public Schools System will end the fiscal year with a higher deficit than it earlier projected primarily due to limited funds it received in the current fiscal year for both personnel and operations.

PSS acting finance director George Palican disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that the system will incur an \$8-million shortfall until the end of this month, the conclusion of FY 2012.

The amount shows a significant increase from the earlier deficit projection of \$7 million until Sept. 30.

Palican disclosed that PSS incurred a \$3.5-million shortfall

this fiscal year on personnel, while \$4.5 million for operation and all others, which correlates closely with the utilities. Based on PSS records, it owes the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. \$3.6 million as of the August billing date. The \$8-million funding deficiency is as of Sept. 10.

This fiscal year 2012, PSS is only appropriated \$30 million for its personnel and all others. Because all state fiscal and stabilization funds expired in September last year, PSS' only hope to rectify the budget shortfall is the unremitted maintenance of effort from the central government covering the previous fiscal years.

Palican said negotiations

about the MOE between the PSS and the U.S. Department of Education are continuing. Pursuant to the USDOE mandate, budget for education must reflect 25 percent of the entire government budget.

To address the projected shortfall, Palican said it is the goal of PSS to continue its discussion with the central government on the unmet MOE as well as the unremitted appropriations for prior years. He did not elaborate.

Saipan Tribune learned that approximately \$4.5 million was the amount that "remains owed" to date on MOE which covered fiscal years 2010 and 2011. It was two years ago when PSS was awarded \$32.4 million total

SFSF money which was authorized for expenditure until Sept. 30, 2011.

PSS has a little over 900 employees including about 300 federally funded personnel. Of the figure, teachers and instructors alone total a little over 400.

According to the acting finance director, PSS—due to lack of funds—had enforced limited processing of purchase orders for schools. This measure, he said, had started several months ago in anticipation of budget constraints.

PSS principals' representative for secondary school, Hopwood Junior High principal Jonas Barcinas, shared that since the beginning of the school year school administrators have been

asked by Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D, to carefully plan for their expenditures. Individual school's education tax credit donations, he said, were also asked to be utilized for the school's immediate needs such as supplies.

Barcinas said Hopwood last requested a purchase order from PSS central in summer to pay for the security contract of the school. But for the other school needs like minor repairs, fuel of school vehicle, tissues, and others are being procured using the school's ETC, which averages \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year.

At Marianas High School, principal Cherlyn Cabrera said the school is spending for its miscellaneous needs through

the help of ETC. She also credited the school's survival to the active involvement of its PTA and MHS' community partners.

MHS is the largest and oldest school on island with 1,454 students as of Friday versus only 35 teachers onboard.

Because budget hampers the system's hiring plans, many administrators and staff have been doing "extra" work for their schools. Cabrera, along with her vice principals and counselors, are also conducting classes on campus due to shortage of teachers.

MHS has an average class size of 42:1. Bigger ratios are also evident in classes at performing arts, JROTC program, and physical education.

Many tourists' vehicles on way to Mt. Tapochau get stuck on Navy Hill Road



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

This vehicle is stuck in a ditch on the side of a steep Navy Hill Road near Coral Island Condominium yesterday. Many vehicles transporting tourists on their way to Mt. Tapochau usually fall into the ditch, a problem for over five years now.

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Vehicles transporting tourists up to Mt. Tapochau usually get stuck in a deep ditch located along the side of a steep Navy Hill Road near Coral Island Condominium.

A concerned citizen told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the CNMI government should fix the road, which has been a problem to tourists for over five years now.

The citizen, who requested anonymity, said he has been calling the Department of Public Works and the Saipan Mayor's Office, but was only told that there is no funding.

"It's ridiculous. It's not for me, but for the tourists. We're

inviting them to come to the CNMI so we should take care of their safety," he said.

The citizen said all it takes to solve the problem is for the government to provide one or two loads of coral and a grader for half a day of work.

He said vehicles get stuck in the area because the side of the very steep road has a 16-inch deep ditch and potholes in the middle of the road.

The citizen said what good is the Mt. Tapochau Development Project if nobody can get there.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands has reportedly allocated \$20,000 toward the Mt. Tapochau Development Project being undertaken by the Marianas Visitors Authority.



With September 2012 proclaimed as

National Recovery Month in the CNMI,

the Commonwealth Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery Coalition (SAPARC) invites you to participate in the CNMI Recovery Month Conference on

**Thursday and Friday, September 27-28, 2012
from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Fiesta Resort & Spa.**

This Conference will provide Certificate Training Sessions in Screening Brief Intervention and Referral into Treatment (SBIRT); Motivational Interviewing Basics and Stages of Change; Uppers, Downers, and All Arounders; and Recovery Coach Basics. The Conference will also highlight the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)'s Master Trainer Development Program.

**Space is limited, so please register by contacting
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and People Recover!***

Early voting for Northern Islands begins

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The Commonwealth Election Commission announced that early voting for the Northern Islands officially started last Saturday.

The commission, however, said it has yet to send an official election staffer to the island to date.

Pursuant to law, early voting is authorized in the Northern Islands 45 days prior to the election. In contrast, early voting on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota is 10 days before the actual polls.

As of yesterday, commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero disclosed that the agency is still waiting for a boat going to the Northern

Island in an effort to save the agency from renting a charter flight or boat just to conduct the early voting.

Guerrero is optimistic that within the 45-day period, they can find a government sea vessel that will go to the islands. The commission is closely coordinating with the Northern Islands Mayor's Office and the Fish and Wildlife Division on this end.

Based on the agency's record, there are 130 registered voters in the Northern Islands which the agency would like to have served within the 45-day early voting period. Guerrero said that he was informed that there are an estimated

over 70 voters now situated on the Northern Islands.

In using government boats, the agency can save from \$7,000 to \$10,000 in expenses which is the cost of renting a boat for a few days. In the previous elections, the commission incurred a significant amount of expenditures in conducting early voting for the Northern Islands, which used to have a 10-day grace period, like Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

This law was amended, through the recommendation of the commission, to prevent incurring huge expenses for the activity.

Based on existing law, early voting for Saipan, Rota, and

Tinian is set on Oct. 27—or 10 days before Nov. 6 elections.

Saipan Tribune learned that the \$79,000 budget for this year's election will come from two fiscal years' appropriation for the commission—\$28,395 from FY 2012 and \$50,651 from FY 2013. The latter has been obligated to the ballot printing and postage stamps needed in sending absentee forms to off-island voters. The budget for FY 2013 has yet to be passed to date.

Guerrero also disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the commission last Sept. 19

started sending absentee ballots and that over 700 absentee ballots have already been sent to date.

The executive director said that there are 848 absentee requests received by the commission and it is expecting more to come until the deadline. Absentee voters have until Oct. 12 to send their requests to the commission. This is pursuant to election law, which authorizes 25 days to receive such requests before the election day. Absentee voters can download the request form from the agency's website.

There are an estimated 1,500 absentee voters recorded every election year in the

Commonwealth.

Guerrero disclosed that public education for the legislative initiatives is also expected to commence in October following his meeting with Northern Marianas College, which is partnering with the agency on public education.

These initiatives included House Legislative Initiative 17-2 which will make the attorney general an elected position; Senate Legislative Initiative 17-12, which seeks to amend the Northern Marianas College's Board of Regents and revise NMC's mission statement; and House Legislative Initiative 17-5, which will allow the government to float a bond.

Young NMI filmmaker recipient of Intl Thespian scholarship

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A Northern Marianas College first year student was named recipient of a scholarship award from The International Thespian Society and the Thespians of the Western Pacific Islands Chapter after demonstrating excellence in filmmaking during his high school years.

Salvi Diomar C. Villanueva recently received a \$1,000 scholarship toward his expenses at the college from the Office of Educational Theater Association (EdTA) in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The student is taking up science and liberal arts courses at NMC leading to an associate in science of nursing. In June this year, he graduated among the top of his class at Marianas High School. Since his junior high school years, Villanueva has been a consistent honor student and named as presidential gold awardee for educational excellence and was promoted as his class first honorable mention at Hopwood Junior High School.

Saipan Tribune learned that while maintaining his academic excellence, the student was also actively involved in

sports and extra curricular activities as well as community involvements.

In June this year, Villanueva received two excellent and one superior rating for his short film "If Only" from the International Thespian Festival held in Lincoln, Nebraska.

For the young student, filmmaking is far from being a dying art. It has provided entertainment and happiness worldwide and will continue through the years as technology advances.

"I believe that through films, many things can be accomplished. It's a creative process and the feeling of seeing a finished product is incomparable. I never thought that I would be an avid filmmaker throughout my teenage years. My passion for it grows within each moment that passes by," said Villanueva, who amazed judges in his entry at the International Thespian Festival. The judges include Kevin George, Dr. Jay Seller, and Dr. Phillip Moss.

In the past two years he has been a contender at the national contest, Villanueva said he has made and encountered several films that continuously improved his skills as a filmmaker. "The ITS Festivals changed

my life and the way I perceived it. I believe that every passionate thespian in the CNMI should have the opportunity to attend the annual festivals, because not only it will change their perceptions in theater and the fine arts, but it will also alter their perspective of the world and their character as well," he told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that the events taught him the value of teamwork and its pivotal role in achieving success.

Villanueva thanked his mentors, teachers, principal, teammates, and others for the exciting thespian experiences they brought to his life. After obtaining his degree, the student vows to continue enhancing his filmmaking skills and promised to impart the knowledge to young aspirants as well.

Among Villanueva's achievements in arts include winner of the Bank of Guam 2011 Calendar Photography competition in 2010; 2nd place winner of Crime Stoppers Program 2012 Television Commercial Contest; consistent monthly and regional winner of ITS competitions in short-film category; and others.

The CNMI young filmmaker has also attended numerous film workshops at Lincoln Nebraska and had served numerous positions in school and community organizations.



Villanueva

Tropical depression forms west-northwest of Saipan

A tropical depression formed yesterday west-northwest of Saipan and brought rains on the island in the afternoon.

According to the U.S. National Weather Service in Guam, as of 1pm, the center of Tropical Depression 19W was 530 miles west-northwest of Saipan, 550 miles northwest of Guam, and 420 miles south-southwest of Iwo To, Japan.

NWS said Tropical Depression 19W is moving toward north-northwest at 16 miles

per hour, packing maximum sustained winds at 30 mph.

NWS said the general motion is expected to continue over the next 24 hours.

The forecast is that Tropical Depression 19W is moving farther away from the CNMI today, Tuesday.

No watches or warnings are in effect.

NWS, however, issued a high surf advisory for the CNM and Guam effective from 6pm Monday to 4pm Thursday.

Hazardous surf of 7 to 9 feet is expected along west facing shores Monday night and that surf will build to 9 to 11 feet today, Tuesday, and continue through Wednesday. The surf is expected to gradually subside on Thursday.

NWS said monsoon winds across the Philippine Sea are producing a large westerly swell.

As precautionary measures, NWS urged the public to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches especially those along west facing reefs as rip currents are life-threatening. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**



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'ARRA key factor in CNMI's 2010 economic growth'

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) said the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was a major factor in the CNMI's 2.3 percent economic growth in 2010, citing data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

"While it is encouraging to see a 2.3 percent increase in gross domestic product after six straight years of decline, our economy still is only half of what it was in 2002. So we really took a close look at the numbers. I had to ask, why? Was there something that we did that we can keep doing to make things better? The obvious an-

swer: it's the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. 2010 was the year when recovery act really hit the ground," Sablan said in an interview at his office on Friday afternoon.

Sablan received a briefing from visiting BEA officials on Friday.

Since 2009, the CNMI has been awarded \$119 million in ARRA grants and no new grant awards are expected until the program winds down. Some \$24 million has yet to be drawn down or spent. ARRA has been a key jobs and economic program by the Obama administration.

CNMI GDP was \$619 million in 2010, up 2.3 percent from \$605 million in 2009.

GDP measures the output of goods and services produced by the private and public sectors. It is the primary indicator with which to measure the state of the economy at a certain period in time.

Sablan said based on BEA data, consumer spending was up 3 percent, and government spending was also up 2.5 percent. Tourism also went up 1.6 percent.

Consumers had more money as a result of \$11 million in Making Work Pay tax credits provided in ARRA.

"Consumers got \$800 from that federal tax credit," Sablan added.

ARRA helped preserve and create hundreds of jobs, help-

ing consumer confidence and encouraged spending.

ARRA's State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, \$36 million of which went to the Public School System that led to school renovations and also contributed to GDP.

Sablan separately said in his latest weekly newsletter that it will be important to see whether 2010 marks the beginning of a growth trend, when the BEA release 2011 data in spring.

"Recovery Act funds continued to work their way through the economy in 2011 and 2012; and in fact, \$25 million has yet to be drawn down. So the Recovery Act remains an important support to the NMI Gross Domestic Product," he added.

Retired teacher's house burglarized twice on weekend

A retired teacher's house in Kagman III was burglarized twice and several items were stolen over the weekend.

Angela Wheat, 55, Sunday expressed disappointment with the Department of Public Safety as police officers allegedly responded one hour and a half later after she called for assistance.

Wheat said she is going to file a formal complaint because after she called 911 she was

provided a telephone number to contact.

The retired teacher said when she dialed the number, a female police officer hang up the phone on her.

"I'm tired of it. Somebody gonna learn to do their job.

They should treat citizens with respect because my tax money

is paying their salary. I am not a happy camper," Wheat said.

The retired teacher said the first burglary happened Saturday midnight but she was busy and away from house.

When they came home Sunday at 4:30pm, she noticed that

the house had been burglarized again so she immediately

called 911.

Wheat said the responding officers recovered some of the stolen items in an abandoned house located near her residence.

She said the burglar or burglars managed to enter the house through the windows. She opted not to be specific about the windows.

The officers were still investigating the incident as of Sunday night. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

» **Cops allegedly responded to the house 1 1/2 hours later**

Zoning Board welcomes newest member, approves 3 permit applications

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The Commonwealth Zoning Board convened last week to welcome its newest member and to approve three conditional use permit applications.

Zoning administrator Therese T. Ogomoro said yesterday that board member Gus Kaipat was received by board chair Diego C. Blanco, member Herman Sablan, and treasurer Alice Igitol who joined the meeting on Thursday via teleconference.

Kaipat and Bruce Bateman were confirmed to serve in the board by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation on Aug. 31.

Bateman, however, was unable to join the board during the meeting as he was off-island, according to Ogomoro.

"We're hoping that Ed would complete his paperwork requirements so he can receive his confirmation as well," she told *Saipan Tribune*, referring to former board secretary Ed Arriola Jr.

Thursday's meeting also saw

the approval of three conditional use permit applications which did not receive any opposition, according to Ogomoro.

The first was application #2011-4240 by Salome R. Limes, who wants to operate Tia's Child Care & Tutoring Services, a day care center on her property located at lot 011-G-607 in Kagman, which is in a Village Residential zone.

The second application, #2011-4347, was submitted by Denny Jin who wants to operate a general vehicle and heavy equipment repair business with

storage and office spaces called ITS Corporation on a property owned by Jose C. Ayuyu. The property is located on Track #22703-8 on Chalan Pale Arnold next to Quartermaster Road, which is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

Application #2011-4488 was submitted by Rosemond B. Santos of Blue Continent Communication, who plans to install a 75-foot high communication tower/ antenna on Track #22763, a property owned by Maria B. Santos in Papago which is zoned as Rural.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 25, 2000

Govt urged to take steps to curb crime

Tinian—In a swift response to Japan's labeling of Saipan and Rota as unsafe destinations for its travelers, the Senate on Friday called on the Tenorio administration to take immediate steps to curb crime incidents on the islands. It also urged Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to carry out image-building efforts in that country, which is the largest source of tourists to the CNMI, in order to counter negative publicity there. Senators adopted a resolution during a session held at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino that formally tasked the administration to address the concerns raised by the Japanese government.

Low response to survey disappoints DDC

The Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council unveiled yesterday results of a CNMI-wide survey intended to gather community perceptions on existing policies that hamper the full inclusion of individuals with disabilities in everyday community endeavors. DD Council Executive Director Thomas J. Camacho expressed disappointment over the minimal participation exercised by various agencies, reporting that out of 119 entities surveyed, only 25 organizations completed and returned the survey questionnaires to the council. "The turn out rate was very low," said Mr. Camacho. Despite the dismal number of survey returns, Mr. Camacho said the council was able to acquire substantial responses from the agencies that participated.

Sept. 25, 2001

OPA: Audit on CUC's procurements out soon

The Office of the Public Auditor is set to release within the next few days its audit on the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's small-purchase procurements. Public Auditor Michael S. Sablan said that during his visit yesterday morning at the office of Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho, he updated the congressman on the status of the CUC audit where he said he expects to issue within three to four days the OPA audit on the CUC's small-purchase procurements. "Back in March or April this year, he [Camacho] had requested our office to conduct an audit on CUC—a very general audit that he had in mind. I just wanted to give him an update," Sablan said.

'Separate panel for each sector unnecessary'

A separate ad hoc committee that will look into the concerns of the apparel manufacturing industry in the CNMI is not really necessary since the House-created ad hoc panel also intends to look into the current problems being faced by the garment sector. This was the contention of Rep. Antonio M. Camacho, chairman of the ad hoc committee, who stressed that the only way to avert the imminent plunge of the local economy is for everybody to rally behind the government. "No, I don't think [it is necessary to create another ad hoc panel] because we will be working with everybody on this. We have to meet with everybody that can help and we will look at all our resources to make sure that we don't go down," said Camacho, who is also chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Sept. 25, 2002

Hyatt's Golf Classic to benefit Make-A-Wish

Embarking on another noble cause that would inspire children suffering from dreaded illnesses, Hyatt Regency-Saipan will hold its 7th Annual Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic benefit tournament aimed at supporting the Make-A-Wish Foundation in the CNMI. Hyatt Regency Saipan's Club Elan Fitness Center Manager Jeff Callahan is spearheading the annual golf tournament slated on Sept. 28 at the Kingfisher Golf Links. Check-in time for the tournament starts at 6:30am. Callahan said Hyatt has chosen the Make-A-Wish Foundation as sole beneficiary for this year's benefit golf tournament to help children suffering from illnesses by granting their most treasured wishes.

BoR okays \$2.2M budget for NMC

The State Board of Regents has approved \$2.2 million operations budget for the Northern Marianas College. The board approved the allocation as proposed by the NMC budget office during its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon. "We're happy that the Board approved our operations budget request," NMC budget officer David Atalig said in an interview. He said his office followed the administration's budget ceiling of \$2.2 million. "We stuck to that ceiling and did our budget process internally," he said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Military training at FDM, W-517 from Sept. 24-30

The Emergency Management Office, Office of the Governor, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting military exercises on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla, and Area W-517 Irregular Polygon-South of Guam. The schedule dates and time are as follow:

■ Sept. 24-30, From 9am to 11:30pm (FDM) military training

■ Sept. 26-27, from 8am TO 5pm (W-517) military training

The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla Training Area (R7201) on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants and W-517 Irregular Polygon-South of Guam comprising of

14,000 nautical miles of airspace begins south of Guam and extended south-southwest into international waters.

Due to the danger imposed by this activity, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is strongly advising the general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—to stay away from this area during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Emergency Management Office Dispatch Center at telephone number 237-8000, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. *(PR)*

CCA board meets today

The Commonwealth Cancer

Association's board of directors will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012, at 3pm in the CHC Conference Room No. 2. The agenda includes reports from the president, steering committees, program manager, and program/project updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. *(CCA)*

Joeten Kiyu Public Library calendar

Sept. 26, 2012, Wednesday

■ Eagle Books Read Aloud at 4pm

■ Movie Night at 4:30pm

■ Weight of the Nation: HBO part 3 "Children in Crises at

Attend any of these activities and get your voucher signed. You can pick up your incentive on Sept. 29, from

7am to 12pm. *(PR)*

Korean Singing Contest on Nov. 23

The Korean Cultural Center will host a Korean Singing Contest at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi Purpose Center in Supe on Nov. 23. There will also be photo sessions in King and Queen costumes and exhibition for Love Korea movement from Nov. 19 to 24. Details will be announced later. Those who want to participate are asked to send their name and phone number to koreancultureweek@gmail.com. If you want to learn how to sing Korean songs, join special classes at Korean Community School, 4pm-6pm on Sept. 21 and 28 (Fridays) and 3pm-4pm on Sept. 22 and 29 (Saturdays). You can visit Korean Noraebangs (karaoke room) for practice, especially with Korean friends. For more information, call 285-2221. *(PR)*

Marianas soldiers, families attend training workshop

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With the deployment of the Guam Army National Guard's 1-294th Infantry Regiment fast approaching, the State Family Programs Office hosted a volunteer training workshop involving soldiers from both Guam and the CNMI, their spouses, and other family members.

About 35 volunteers from the support organization Family Readiness Group or FRG took part in the workshop held last Sept. 22 to 23 at Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

The two-day workshop featured presenters covering various topics—from statutory roles and responsibilities and telephone trees to transition assistance and suicide prevention—geared around building resiliency and readiness among family members.

"We're providing them with the training necessary to improve their skills or, in some cases, give them skills particu-

larly for our new members," said Maj. Jesse R. Pendon, Jr., State Family Program Director for the Guam Army National Guard.

Pendon said in an interview Saturday that the workshop is part of their office's increased efforts to provide the training to family members of the soldiers who are scheduled to leave for its mobilization training in February in preparation for their scheduled deployment to Afghanistan early next year.

He noted the need to train family members to deal with matters concerning the families once the service members are deployed to a "hostile or extreme" environment, saying that it alleviates a lot of pressure from these soldiers and allows them to concentrate on their work.

"Studies have shown that when families are healthy, resilient, and equipped with the tools to cope with the deployment, the airmen and the soldiers that are deployed are

eased up a lot of troubles and worries in their minds and they perform efficiently," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Pendon also said that this was the first time that they brought to Saipan the training workshop, considered one of their biggest, on account of the 18 soldiers from the Commonwealth who are assigned to the 1-294th Infantry Regiment.

Additionally, Pendon said there are also soldiers within the group who are originally from the Northern Marianas but have moved to Guam. These soldiers, he said, still have immediate or extended families within the CNMI who would need training assistance.

"While we are the Guam National Guard, we understand we have soldiers from Saipan and we embrace them closely," he explained.

Kagman resident Imelda Quitugua said the training workshop will help her cope once her husband, Private First Class Daniel Quitugua, joins for the

first time several hundreds of soldiers who will be deployed to Afghanistan.

"It's going to be my first deployment so it's really helping me cope, me and my family, as to what I should be expecting when he leaves," said the

mother of four.

Although she anticipates the experience to be "stressful," Imelda Quitugua said having the FRG to support her will help her deal with the situation.

Besides the recently concluded workshop, Pendon

emphasized that their office is committed to providing continual training workshops, albeit on a smaller-scale, throughout the deployment support cycle to sustain the family members' skills before, during, and after deployment.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy birthday to my one and only Eric Peter Borja Ilo. Hope you enjoy your day with lots of hugs and kisses and may God bless you on your special day. Cheers to you baby! Greetings come from your only one.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy birthday Roma Nei Romolor. May all your dreams come true sister! From your WIC Familia especially the 12:30 Crew.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy birthday to Leina Arriola! Wishing you a wonderful birthday! Love, Daro, D.J., family, and friends.



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Belated happy birthday to Jiana Isa who turned 13 years old last Sept. 22. You are beautiful in many ways and we love you our dear princess. Love...Mommy and Daddy Ray!

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Interested individuals are invited to attend.

AGENDA

- Call To Order**
- Orientation of New Board Members**
- Election of Officer**
- New Business**
 - Secretary's Remarks
 - State Historic Preservation Officer's Report
 - Acting Director's Report
 - Tinian HPO Coordinator's Report
 - Rota Acting HPO Coordinator's Report
 - HPO Specialist's Review and Compliance Report
 - FY2013 Federal Budget
 - FY2013 Local Budget
 - HPO Regulations
- Miscellaneous/Announcements**
- Adjournment**

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CNMI State Historic Preservation Office

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EDITORIAL

Middle East flareup requires diplomacy, humility

If the residual turmoil in Iraq and Afghanistan does not make the point, then the seeming chaos in the Arab world should invoke the operative word: humility.

For all of the economic and military power possessed by the United States, there are limits to what can be accomplished, ordered or presumed. This has been the case for decades, but the world's capacity to go its own way is all the more evident.

Banishing the Middle East of despots and dictators has cleared the way for bloody sectarian strife. The civil chaos and religious violence in the Arab world has the horrific echo of the Balkans, when Yugoslavia disintegrated into long-suppressed political, ethnic and sectarian clashes. Grudges that dated to the 13th century were rekindled for political gain and inspiration for atrocities.

This time it was a disgusting anti-Islamic video that was exploited for local political purposes.

The U.S. debate over the appropriate response to events in Syria, Libya, Egypt and Iran cannot start with the default answer. The U.S. military was in Iraq in 2006 and 2007 when that country turned on itself. Afghanistan still bleeds.

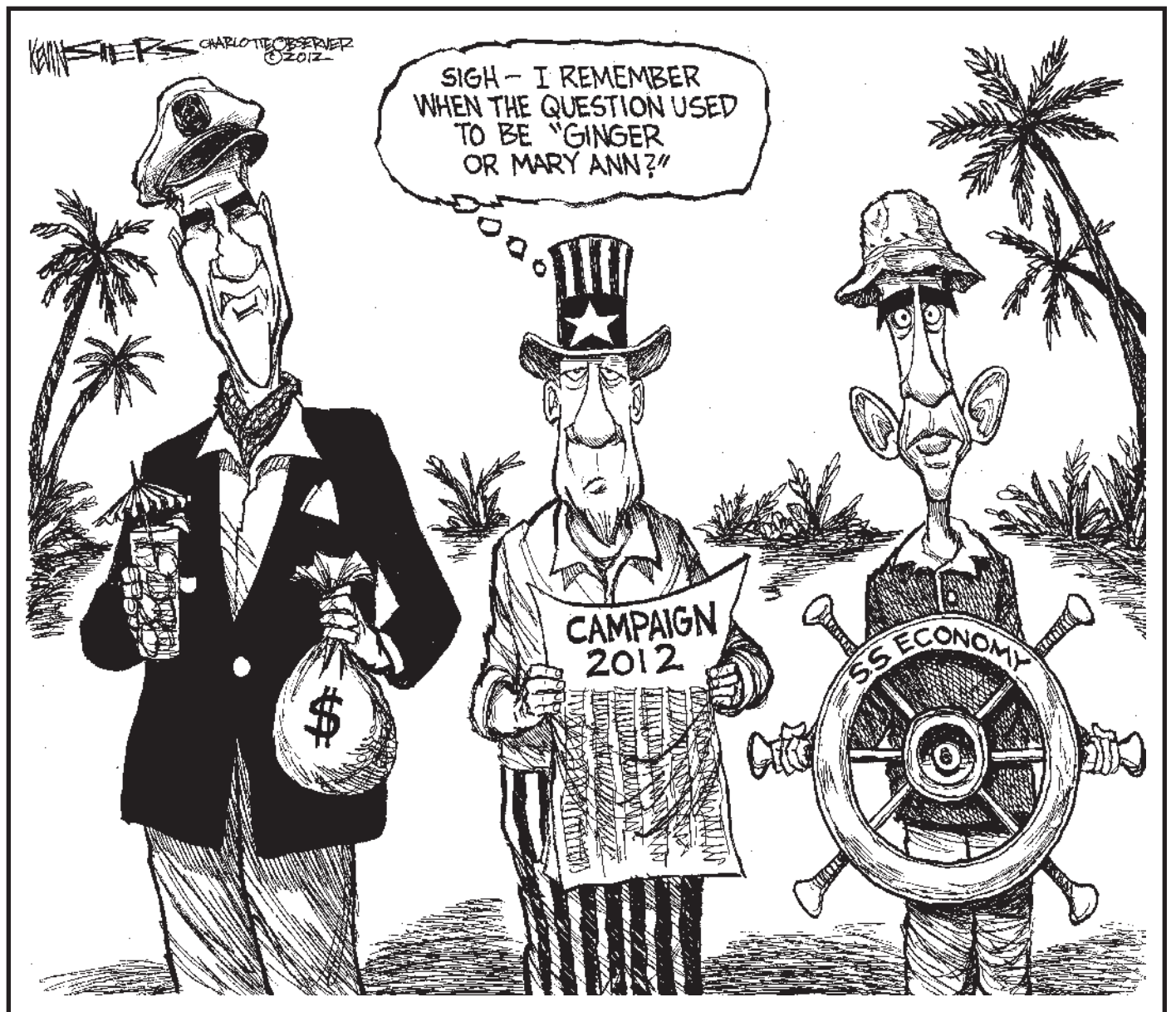
The role and opportunity for U.S. diplomacy has never been more apparent. Comfortable working relationships with authoritarian rulers precluded getting to know the outsiders. As circumstances bring them to power, they can be virtual strangers.

Leaven the economic and political tensions with ancient religious feuds and we and our allies can be clueless. Arming opponents of a hated regime might be a good thing, but identifying which faction in the midst of rebellion should receive the aid is no easy decision.

The tragic murder of Libyan Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens illustrates the loss for both sides. The U.S. lost a credible, articulate voice for its views and interests, and the Libyan people lost a caring, knowledgeable ally.

Disengagement from the Middle East and Arab hot spots is not an option. Diplomacy has never been more important. The U.S. must be willing to engage and listen.

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Japan's people feeling the post-tsunami heat

TOKYO—Summer took its own sweet time leaving Japan this year. Late into September, workers and students riding the always-busy subway cars across the vast expanse of Tokyo carried small towels to wipe away the beads of sweat that gathered on their brows. The air conditioning might have been on, but the temperatures remained stubbornly high even indoors.

Ever since the March 2011 tsunami that swept into northeastern Japan and the nuclear disaster that followed, the Japanese have had to make do with much, much less electricity.

The community-minded Japanese looked calm doing their part to deal with the crisis. But in the aftermath of the tsunami and the meltdown at the Fukushima nuclear plant, Japan faces rising political temperatures and difficult choices.

The embattled government, hoping against the polls to survive the next elections, announced a controversial plan to phase out all nuclear power by 2040, but the idea quickly ran into strong headwinds.

More than a year has passed since the seismic shock that spawned a wall of water, killing more than 15,000 people and causing the Earth to shift on its axis. But the disaster is still a fact of daily life, and it promises to shape the agenda for a long, long time.

For most Japanese, the unnervingly long earthquake — six interminable minutes — became a national crisis only gradually.

Initially, authorities sought to reassure the public, telling them all was under control. But the enormity of the disaster became apparent over time.

Before what the Japanese call the Tohoku Earthquake, oil-poor Japan was one of the world's biggest users of atomic energy. It relied on nuclear reactors for 30 percent of its electricity, planning to boost that number to 50 percent. But plans changed.

After learning the truth about what they thought was their fool-proof nuclear safety system, people turned decisively against atomic power and authorities started shutting down all the reactors.

As the flow of nuclear energy stopped, authorities asked everyone to raise the summer thermostats. The government hiked temperatures in public buildings to 83 degrees and asked private firms to do the same. Other places were much, much warmer. With just two of 50 nuclear stations now in operation, the national Cool Biz campaign had executives in fashion-conscious Tokyo working in shirt-sleeves. Posters in the subway still show charming cartoons about saving electricity.

When the true scope of the disaster finally became known, the

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Japanese turned sharply against nuclear power and against the ruling Democratic Party, whose handling of the crisis they decried. New elections are expected in the next two or three months. The Democrats and their rivals, the Liberal Democratic Party seem to fight each other at every turn, at times seeming to only play politics and get nothing done.

In a theme that will ring familiar to Americans, the system looks gridlocked. Politicians look outmatched by the country's stubborn economic challenges, now made worse by the post-tsunami realities.

Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda's plan to phase out nuclear power over the coming decades was rejected by many in the business community, who said it would damage the already-faltering economy. Critics called it a political ploy, pandering to anti-nuclear sentiment.

Supporters of nuclear power and many businesses worry about much higher electricity rates. Energy corporations want compensation for their losses. Others wonder about the environmental impact of much greater oil and gas consumption by the world's third largest economy.

And anti-nuclear activists, who enjoy enormous support in post-tsunami Japan, say the fine print in the proposal leaves too much wiggle room.

Noda's idea is to slowly restart nuclear reactors deemed safe by regulators and then shut down every plant as it reaches 40 years online. But the plan allows for 20-year extensions, and the government admits plans can be revised. Already the cabinet voted down the proposal.

As the oppressive summer heat and humidity finally begin to lift, the Japanese can be grateful that their efforts at conservation succeeded this year. There were no blackouts in the second summer since the tsunami. But riding the still-hot trains across Tokyo they also know that the impact of the 2011 earthquake will continue for years to come.

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The earthrise Armstrong

From the USS *Philippine Sea*, astronaut Neil Armstrong of the U.S. Navy, the first man to walk on the moon, had his cremated remains scattered to the four winds in the Atlantic Ocean a few days ago. It was not the personality of Armstrong, that made his final “over and out” call late July, that made us skip a heartbeat. It was the effect of the mission he undertook that got us on a particular journey. Thus, this testimonial.

I was still in my teens, pretending to be an old man, broadcasting a morning political and social commentary cum music over one of two the local commercial radios in a Cagayan town. The program was, “The love and life of old man Jaime” (ti ayat ken biagi ni ‘tang Jaime). Sometimes we subbed for the noon newscast and it was then that we learned of the assassination of the young JFK.

We mention this because it was the young president that boldly declared his intent to send a man on the moon by the end of the decade. Armstrong made it on schedule.

I was in Tar Heel country, in the Piedmont of North Carolina, when on a freezing Christmas in a house heated by burning coal in the basement, we watched photos from Apollo 8 three years before Armstrong’s historic walk on Apollo 11. The blue orb in the sky rose to the shutter click of a camera hovering over the moon, taking an image usually seen on earth of the moon or the sun emerging up to the earth’s horizon. In a twist on metaphor, a term and an iconic picture were born, the “earthrise,” unarguably the most potent mythical symbol of the 20th century.

There it was, this little planet with only the land and water boundaries visible to the eye, unmindful of the imaginary political delin-

eations that humans have constructed through the centuries to separate parcels of territories into nations. There were just the continents and the water, exposing the reality that the separation of nations, areas, and regions are human constructs that can be deconstructed. Nations have taken lives of their own, imposed on territories for the sake of powerful vested interests.

Suddenly, our Eureka occurred as we realized that the fragile ecosystem we were watching was not a made for TV illusion, but actually a “living” organism with humans acting as its brain. In 1968, that brain was already showing cancerous characteristics. I was in the United States in the middle of the civil rights crisis, a war on poverty, and waging a war in Vietnam that caused an otherwise competent president not to seek reelection.

The Limits of Growth report from the Club of Rome was still four years away to notoriety, but the viciousness we were showing in dealing with the racial divide, and the devastation we were visiting on an impoverished country proud enough to say “Non” to their Gaelic colonizers and determined not to be under the imposition of a foreign rule again, was just unconscionable.

It was then, in a feat of youthful idealism, and prophetic realism, that we chose the “earth-

rise” to be our home. A radical transformation occurred that took us from a peasant boy of the northern Luzon hinterlands, to becoming a glocal citizen, though we were still a decade away before we started using the portmanteau, a morpheme of “thinking globally, acting locally”.

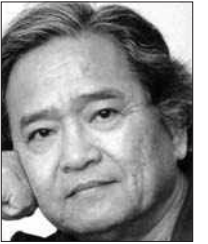
The picture of the earthrise has since graced our living space,

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By **JAIME R. VERGARA**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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externally and internally. As part of my introduction, and the students are likewise asked to introduce themselves using the guide questions of what, when, where, who, how, and why, I begin by claiming the earth as my hometown, and there is no place in it where I am a stranger. In my glocal being, I have appropriated a native-ness to every piece and parcel of it, animate and inanimate. The mantra in our young adulthood still prevails: All the goods of the Earth belong to all the people. All the decisions of history belong to all the people. All the inventions of humankind belong to all the people.

We might have ceased actively in the sloganeering part as the focus has been at the point where the rubber hits the road. Being a glocal citizen in a deeply rooted ethnocentric culture like China (along with most of the world) is a challenge and a half. In the process, our peripatetic pedagogy has taken us to the Hausa and Yoruba of Nigeria, the Hindu Om of Maharashtra, the Aleut of Alaska, the brothers and sisters in Rome, the Nippon and their Shinkanzen in the Land of the Rising Sun, the Metis of prairie Canada, the durian and rambutan of Malaysia and Indonesia, the Kimchee of Korea, the proa of Micronesia and Polynesia, and all but one State in the Union. Now, we sup on the mein chow and gao zi of Dong Bei among people who call themselves the creatures of the middle, Zhongguoren.

It has been a passage of spectacular proportions and deep currents in the incursion, emptying the pocket book in the excursion but enriching to no end the dB of the experience. Still, the expedition ain’t over yet, and thanks to Neil Armstrong (“one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”) and the Apollo mission crew, this country boy of the Malay race is managing to join the great leap forward of humankind.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Preventing active employee member withdrawals neither fair nor reasonable

It was reported in the papers on Monday, that attorneys representing parties with current cases related to the Retirement Fund, and possibly the Fund itself, may go forward with legal action to attempt to prevent the implementation of Public Law 17-82.

Respectfully, how on Earth is preventing the return of garnished earnings of active employee members put toward a program that under even the best of circumstances will not be able to address the retirement promises made to them, fair in any way, shape or form?

There are no employees behind current active employee members who are paying into the Fund, and the return on investments, and any realistic future return on investments, will not even cover a fraction of a fraction of the costs (estimated at over \$1 billion dollars) that will be needed to cover the retirement of the active employee members. Active employee members will also be transferring to Social Security. So how can one argue with a straight face that their withheld earnings should not be returned to them? And how can anyone suggest that these withheld earnings not be returned as quickly as possible, so that active employee members can get the most out of alternative investments they will have to make in order to assist them with their retirement?

The suggestion that active employee members be paid from monies that do not exist (the uncollected \$300 million), when their withdrawn earnings are available, does not sound like a very fair solution to me. When you’re not going to get the product you ordered... your refund isn’t incumbent upon the future collections of the company you ordered the item from. That they be kept to glean interest off of, preventing the ability of active employee members to use their funds to invest themselves, is also not a fair or reasonable solution.

I understand the serious concern of current retirees. But putting in jeopardy the investments of another group of members, simply to

guarantee retirement payments for an extra year, does not seem like a sound, reasonable or fair solution.

There is no way active employees who are new and enrolled in the DC plan or employees who have transferred to the DC plan will ever be transferred back to and contribute to the DB program again. There is no way that even the best returns on investments for years on end will ever raise enough funding to meet the future obligations of active employee member’s retirements. And there is no way the government will be able to raise the estimated amount of over a billion dollars that will be needed to cover future DB retirees. The long and short of it is, there is no scenario one can concoct that will see active employee members benefit from the DB plan in the future. This is clearly understood by active employee members who have met to discuss this, and who after crunching the numbers and accepting the reality, opted to encourage the legislation leading to PL 17-82.

Getting the last active DB members off of the rolls, letting them reinvest their money elsewhere, transferring them to Social Security, and focusing efforts on meeting the funding needs of the current retirees, seems like the best beginnings of a solution considering the circumstances. And focusing efforts should not mean jeopardizing the funds paid into the plan by active employee members who will no longer be part of the fund, or jeopardizing their ability to reinvest their monies immediately.

As I stated in previous comments on this issue, the larger majority of active employee members of the fund have resigned themselves to the fact that they are now going to have to work many many years more than they originally thought they would, for a considerably more meager retirement. Many of us will have to work well into our old age, and probably until we kick the bucket. We understand that we are losing a lot by accepting a withdrawal of the earnings that have been garnished from our pay towards the DB plan. That

said, while we will not see even close to the benefits current retirees have seen, we will be able to take that pay and make investments that will best benefit our families when we are too old to work, or trying to make a living off of the \$12,000-\$14,000 a year we will likely see if we can work long enough from Social Security. There is no way that keeping these withdrawn earnings tied up, or trying to transfer responsibility to funds yet collected, is in any way, shape or form, fair to those who will not benefit in the future from the DB plan, and who in the coming weeks, will no longer even be members of the DB plan.

On the contrary, keeping active employee members on the rolls, and not returning their garnished earnings, will only prolong the retirement issues indefinitely. It will take focus away from coming up with real solutions to see the current fixed group of retirees taken care of. And it will ensure litigation well into the future by current active employee members, who will be spending their old age trying to extract a little bit of what they should be getting right now. And it will see the inability of active employee members to reinvest their earnings now to aid them and their families in their golden years.






I would encourage the parties involved to consider seriously the ramifications of preventing the implementation of PL 17-82, before pursuing legal action to try and stop it. Stopping it will not save the retirement fund. Stopping it will realistically see the loss of the withholdings of a whole segment of DB plan members. Stopping it will not be conducive to seeing real funding solutions that will meet the needs of the current retirees. And stopping it will certainly not be fair to active employee members who have no hope of benefiting from the DB plan.

Robert H. Hunter
San Antonio, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 80
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 80
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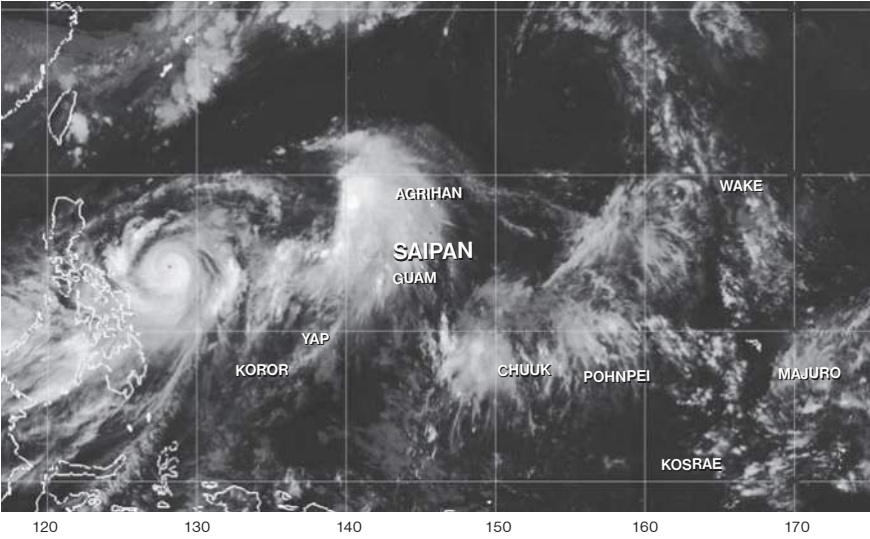
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Honolulu	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 74
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Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 78
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 44
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Tokyo	Rain	▲ 74 ▼ 67
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 69 ▼ 52

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:16 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
10:44 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
5:56 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:37 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends northeastward from 14N130E to newly formed Tropical Depression 19W centered northwest of the Marianas at 19N139E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring west of the Marianas within 150 miles of a line from 20N143E to 14N140E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found north of Yap and Palau between 10N and 17N from 130E to 138E. For more information on Tropical Depression 19W, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and public advisories issued by National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. A surface trough extends northward from 4N153E to 14N151E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found across portions of Chuuk and Pohnpei states between 6N and 13N from 147E to 160E. Upper-level lows centered near 24N155E and 17N173E are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southwest of Wake Island within 200 miles of 16N161E and south of Wake Island within 150 miles of 17N168E. A trade-wind disturbance is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near and east of Majuro between 4N and 13N from 170E to the date line.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:11 PM
Wednesday	6:06 AM	6:10 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:09 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:09 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:08 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:33 PM	1:28 AM
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Thursday	4:01 PM	3:19 AM
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SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA5062	2:40am	4:20am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
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OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)				PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
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UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
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UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:40pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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Business

Decades of federal dollars helped fuel gas boom

PITTSBURGH (AP)—It sounds like a free-market success story: a natural gas boom created by drilling company innovation, delivering a vast new source of cheap energy without the government subsidies that solar and wind power demand.

"The free market has worked its magic," the Barnett Shale Energy Education Council, an industry group, claimed over the summer.

The boom happened "away from the greedy grasp of Washington," the American Enterprise Institute, a think tank, wrote in an essay this year.

If bureaucrats "had known this was going on," the essay went on, "surely Washington would have done something to slow it down, tax it more, or stop it altogether."

But those who helped pioneer the technique known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, recall a different path. Over three decades, from the shale fields of Texas and Wyoming to the Marcellus in the Northeast, the federal government contributed more than \$100 million in research to develop fracking, and billions more in tax breaks.

Now, those industry pioneers say their own effort shows that the government should back research into future sources of energy—for decades, if need be—to promote breakthroughs. For all its success now, many people in the oil and gas industry itself once thought shale gas was a waste of time.

"There's no point in mincing words. Some people thought it

was stupid," said Dan Steward, a geologist who began working with the Texas natural gas firm Mitchell Energy in 1981. Steward estimated that in the early years, "probably 90 percent of the people" in the firm didn't believe shale gas would be profitable.

"Did I know it was going to work? Hell no," Steward added.

Shale is a rock formation thousands of feet underground. Among its largest U.S. deposits are the Marcellus Shale, under parts of Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and West Virginia, and the Barnett Shale is in north Texas. Geologists knew shale contained gas, but for more than 100 years the industry focused on shallower reserves. With fracking, large volumes of water, along with sand and hazardous chemicals, are injected underground to break rock apart and free the gas.

In 1975, the Department of Energy began funding research into fracking and horizontal drilling, where wells go down and then sideways for thousands of feet. But it took more than 20 years to perfect the process.

Alex Crawley, a former Department of Energy employee, recalled that some early tests were spectacular—in a bad way.

A test of fracking explosives in Morgantown, W.Va., "blew the pipe out of the well about 600 feet high" in the 1970s, Crawley said. Luckily, no one was killed. He added that a 1975 test well in Wyoming "produced a lot of water."

Steward recalled that Mitch-

ell Energy didn't even cover the cost of fracking on shale tests until the 36th well was drilled.

"There's not a lot of companies that would stay with something this long. Most companies would have given up," he said, crediting founder George Mitchell as a visionary who also got support from the government at key points.

"The government has to be involved, to some degree, with new technologies," Steward said.

The first federal energy subsidies began in 1916, and until the 1970s they "focused almost exclusively on increasing the production of domestic oil and natural gas," according to the Congressional Budget Office.

More recently, the natural gas and petroleum industries altogether accounted for about \$2.8 billion in federal energy subsidies in the 2010 fiscal year and about \$14.7 billion went to renewable energies, the Department of Energy found. The figures include both direct expenditures and tax credits.

Congress passed a huge tax break in 1980 specifically to encourage unconventional natural gas drilling, noted Alex Trembath, a researcher at the Breakthrough Institute, a California nonprofit that supports new ways of thinking about energy and the environment. Trembath said that the Department of Energy invested about \$137 million in gas research over three decades, and that the federal tax credit for drillers amounted to \$10 billion between 1980 and 2002.

the phones will work with other carriers, such as T-Mobile USA. But Verizon Wireless spokeswoman Brenda Raney confirmed Saturday that the iPhone 5 models it's selling are "unlocked."

Last year, the first shipments of the Sprint iPhone 4S were unlocked and worked on AT&T, but Sprint later issued software updates that turned off that capability.

on AT&T's network.

It's the first time Verizon iPhones have been able to access AT&T's network without complicated hacking procedures. The feature may mean little to most buyers, since they're signing up for two years of Verizon service. But it does give them the option of switching carriers.

It's unclear whether the feature is intended and whether

Nation

Obama responds to Romney's tough talk on Mideast

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama, defending his foreign policy record at a time of anti-American rage in the Muslim world, fired back at suggestions from Republican Mitt Romney that the president has been weak with allies and enemies alike.

In an interview airing the night before Obama meets with other world leaders at the United Nations, the president said, "If Gov. Romney is suggesting that we should start another war, he should say so."

It was Obama's most direct rebuttal yet to persistent skepticism by his White House rival on his handling of an unraveling situation in the Middle East. Romney has charged the U.S. stance has been marred by miscalculations, mixed messages and appeasement.

The foreign policy arguments come as both candidates sharpen their strategy just six weeks ahead of Election Day. Speaking to reporters on a flight to Colorado Sunday night, Romney acknowledged he was slipping behind Obama in several swing states and said he would spend more time with voters in the coming weeks.



AP

Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks to reporters on his campaign plane en route to Denver, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, as Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, listens at right.

"I think the fundraising season is probably a little quieter going forward," he said following a weekend largely devoted to raising money in California.

Facing Republican fears that his campaign is moving in the wrong direction, Romney huddled earlier in the day with his top advisers, preparing for next month's debates and crafting a more aggressive strategy.

"I don't pay a lot of attention to the day-to-day polls. They change a great deal,"

Romney said. "And I know that in the coming six weeks they're very unlikely to stay where they are today."

Obama is launching a new campaign offensive Monday with his first television advertisement targeting Romney's comments about Americans who don't pay income taxes. The ad, which was to start running in swing state Ohio, argues that Romney should stop attacking others on taxes and "come clean" on his own.

US State Dept. blasts CNN report on Stevens' diary

LOS ANGELES (AP)—CNN reported on the personal journal of slain American ambassador Christopher Stevens over objections from his family, a State Department spokesman said Saturday.

The news channel, in a story posted online Saturday, said that it found a journal belonging to Stevens four days after he died in a Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya. Three other Americans also were killed.

CNN broke a pledge to the late ambassador's family that it wouldn't report on the diary, said State Department spokesman Philippe Reines, a

senior adviser to U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

In a blistering statement, Reines called CNN's actions "indefensible."

The channel said in the story online that it took "newsworthy tips" from Stevens' diary and confirmed them with other sources. Citing an unidentified source "familiar with Stevens' thinking," CNN said that the ambassador was concerned about security threats in Benghazi and a "rise in Islamic extremism."

In a statement Saturday, CNN defended its use of the journal's contents and asked

"why is the State Department now attacking the messenger?"

"CNN did not initially report on the existence of a journal out of respect for the family, but we felt there were issues raised in the journal which required full reporting, which we did," the channel said.

The public has a right to know what CNN learned from "multiple sources" about fears and warnings of a terror threat before the Benghazi attack, the channel said, "which are now raising questions about why the State Department didn't do more to protect Ambassador Stevens and other U.S. personnel."

Cat goes to vet for flea bath but gets euthanized

GARDNER, Mass. (AP)—A Massachusetts woman says her cat went to the veterinarian for a flea bath but was mistakenly put to death.

Colleen Conlon of Gardner is grieving the loss of 8-year-old Lady, which she attributes to negligence by the vet, Muhammad Malik. Malik's lawyer says people should wait until all the facts come out before passing judgment.

Conlon's 24-year-old son, Jesse, took Lady to the Broadway Animal Hospital last week and unknowingly authorized the cat to be put to sleep after he says he was handed the wrong forms. He says he learned of the mix-up when

he returned with a second cat and the vet asked whether he wanted to keep the body.

"At first he thought it was some cruel joke," Conlon told the Telegram & Gazette.

But the vet told her son he'd signed the papers. Her son didn't leave the other cat at the vet's office, Conlon said.

Conlon said she has filed a complaint with the state attorney general's office and plans to talk with state licensing officials.

"I don't think there was any malicious intent, but I do think it was negligent," Conlon said. "I'm sure there are standards of practice they have to follow."

Conlon's daughter had given

her the cat about a year before she was killed in a car accident in 2010.

Malik's lawyer, Michael Sheridan, said Malik is well-respected and has saved many animals' lives during his 30 years as a veterinarian.

"He's treated thousands of animals, keeping them healthy and strong," Sheridan said.

Sheridan declined to comment on a one-year probation period imposed on Malik's license in 2005, for failing to follow standards when he treated a dog's paw in 2002, the newspaper reported. Malik also was ordered to take 25 hours of continuing education in radiology and orthopedics.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Economists say US needs more taxes, spending cuts

NEW YORK (AP)—The best way to reduce the federal deficit is through a combination of higher taxes and spending cuts, says a group of economists. A survey of 236 members of the National Association for Business Economics says the country needs more fiscal stimulus through 2013, but by 2014 it should be time to throttle back. A majority of the economists favor extending payroll tax cuts, current marginal income tax rates and current tax rates for dividends and capital gains for most or all taxpayers through 2013. Deep tax cuts that were passed under President George W. Bush expire at the end of December. At the center of debate: extending the cuts for everybody or just households earning less than \$250,000 a year.

Justice Dept to highlight investment fraud scams

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—With investment fraud cases piling up in the weak economy, the U.S. Justice Department is holding summits around the nation to warn investors about the scams, which are often carried out by people with personal ties to the victims. The first regional conference is set for Oct. 1 in Connecticut, where federal prosecutors have announced a flurry of fraud cases this month including that of a man who cheated clients from his church. Summits are also planned for later in the month in Cleveland, Nashville, Miami, Denver and San Francisco. "We see it as a growing problem. We see it as a serious problem," Connecticut U.S. Attorney David Fein said in an interview.

Asia

Ex-top cop in China scandal jailed for 15 years

CHENGDU, China (AP)—The Chinese police chief whose thwarted defection exposed murder and infighting in high places was sentenced to 15 years in prison Monday, setting the stage for China's leadership to close out the divisive scandal and move ahead with a generational handover of power.

Amid heavy security, the Intermediate People's Court in the central city of Chengdu sentenced Wang Lijun after convicting him of defecting, abuse of power, taking bribes and other crimes to which he confessed at his trial last week. Wang told the court he will not appeal, said his lawyer.

The sentence is lighter than the 20-year prison term suggested in sentencing guidelines. The court noted Wang's cooperation in exposing the crimes of others, especially the central element in the scandal—the murder of a British businessman by the wife of Wang's former boss, once political high-flier Bo Xilai.

The scandal has been the messiest, most public one Communist Party leaders have had to confront in decades, triggering bruising internal jostling as the leadership prepares to transfer power to a younger generation. In the



This Sept. 18, 2012 video image taken from CCTV shows Wang Lijun speaking during his trial at the Chengdu Intermediate People's Court in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan province.

scandal's wake, Bo was removed from the leadership, his wife confessed to the murder and relations among the leaders were strained. As a result, arrangements for a party congress to install the new leadership this fall grew complicated.

After Wang's sentencing, the leadership is expected to announce long-overdue dates for the congress and dispose of the scandal's stickiest issue—whether merely to expel Bo from the party or hand him over for criminal prosecution. Pronouncing judgment on Bo will allow the new leaders to

take charge without the scandal's overhang.

Wang's verdict likely portends harsher treatment for Bo. His 15-year term contrasts with the effective life sentence given to Bo's wife, Gu Kailai, for the murder of Briton Neil Heywood, a family associate, over what authorities have said was a business dispute. Only two of the 15 years were for attempting to defect to the U.S., a gambit in which Wang exposed Heywood's murder first to American diplomats and then to Chinese authorities, handing over evidence used to convict Gu last month.

Sweeping new changes expected at NKorean farms

SARIWON, North Korea (AP)—Farmers would be able to keep a bigger share of their crops under proposed changes aiming to boost production by North Korea's collective farms, which have chronically struggled to provide enough food for the country's 24 million people.

Two workers at a farm south of Pyongyang told The Associated Press on Sunday that the new rules will allow them to keep any surplus crops—to sell, barter or donate—after they have fulfilled state-mandated quotas. Current rules require them to turn everything over to the state beyond what farmers can keep to feed their families.

The new directives have been widely rumored abroad but were never previously made public outside North Korea's collective farms. The changes may seem highly technical to outsiders, but by giving farmers an incentive to boost production North Korea could be starting down the same path as China when it first began experimenting with market-based reforms in the 1970s.

They would also mark the first significant changes to North Korea's collective farming system since leader Kim Jong Un took power earlier this year. The outside world has been watching closely to see how Kim's rule will

differ from that of his autocratic father, who died in December, and how he will deal with the country's chronic food shortage.

The farmers at Migok Cooperative Farm in South Hwanghae Province, in southwestern North Korea, were informed of the changes during meetings last month, according to the workers. These new directives could take effect with this year's upcoming fall harvest, they said.

"We expect a good harvest this year," said O Yong Ae, a worker at the Migok farm, one of the region's largest and most productive. "I'm happy because we can keep the crops we worked so hard to grow."

to bring three more bodies to the base camp on Monday, Kuwar said.

2 ships collide off Japan, 13 fishermen missing

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's coast guard says 13 crew members are missing from a 22-man fishing vessel after it collided with a much larger cargo ship off northeast Japan. The 119-ton *Horiei Maru* and the 25,047-ton *Nikkei Tiger* collided about 900 kilometers east of Sendai around 2:30 a.m. Sunday. An official at the Shioyama Coast Guard office near Sendai said the smaller vessel may have sunk. Osamu Nishikawa said the coast guard sent two planes to look for survivors. Nine of the fishing boat's crew were rescued. Five are Japanese and four are Indonesian. Twelve of the missing are Japanese, and one is Indonesian.

World

Syrian opposition figures meet in Damascus

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—Syrian opposition figures who reject foreign intervention in Syria's 18-month conflict called for the ouster of President Bashar Assad at a rare meeting Sunday in the nation's capital. The gathering was tolerated by the regime in an apparent attempt to lend credibility to its claims that it remains open to political reform despite its bloody crackdown on dissent.

A senior former Assad ally, meanwhile, said Iran is providing massive support for the embattled Syrian regime.

"Iranians are active in leading positions in the military," former Syrian Prime Minister Riad Hijab, who defected to the opposition last month, told the German daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. "We're not only talking about military aid, but also logistical and economic support" by Iran.

Earlier this month, the top commander of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard said the elite unit has high-level advisers in Syria. Iran is also believed to be sending weapons to Syria.

In recent weeks, Assad's military has escalated airstrikes and shelling of civilian areas to put down an uprising that began in March 2011 with peaceful protests but has since devolved into a civil war. Activists say close to 30,000 people have been killed.

Sunday's opposition conference was attended by diplomats from Iran, Russia and China, Assad's main allies. It was likely to be viewed as a cosmetic gesture by Syrian rebels and their many backers in the international community.

The loose network of Syrian rebel groups and the political opposition outside Syria be-

lieve Assad cannot be trusted to negotiate reform or a peaceful transfer of power, and call for foreign military intervention to break the stalemate in the conflict.

The United States and its allies have refrained from such action, partly because of international divisions over Syria and fears of a wider conflict. The opposition figures who met in Damascus are open to the idea of a political settlement, even though the conflict so far has eluded all attempts at mediation.

Assad's government tightly restricts criticism in areas it controls, and security was tight for Sunday's one-day conference at a Damascus hotel, attended by dozens of people. Streets leading to the hotel were blocked off, plainclothes security agents patrolled the perimeter and participants passed through security checks.

Libya orders 'illegitimate' militias to disband

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)—The Libyan army on Sunday said it raided several militia outposts operating outside government control in the capital, Tripoli, while in the east, the militia suspected in the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. Consulate said it had disbanded on orders of the country's president.

President Mohammed el-Megaref said late Saturday all of the country's militias must come under government authority or disband, a move that appeared aimed at harnessing popular anger against the powerful armed groups following the attack that killed the U.S. ambassador.

The assault on the U.S. mission in Benghazi, which left Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans dead, has sparked an angry backlash among many Libyans against

the myriad of armed factions that continue to run rampant across the nation nearly a year after the end of the country's civil war.

On Friday, residents of Benghazi—the cradle of the Libyan revolution last year that toppled dictator Moammar Gadhafi—staged a mass demonstration against the militias before storming the compounds of several armed groups in the city in an unprecedented protest to demand the militias dissolve.

The government has taken advantage of the popular sentiment to move quickly. In a statement published by the official LANA news agency, the military asked all armed groups using the army's camps, outposts and barracks in Tripoli, and other cities to hand them over. It warned that it will resort to force if the

groups refuse.

On Sunday, security forces raided a number of sites in the capital, including a military outpost on the main airport road, which were being used as bases by disparate militias since Gadhafi was driven from the capital around a year ago, according to military spokesman Ali al-Shakhli.

Tripoli resident Abdel-Salam Sikayer said he believes the government is able to make this push now because, thanks to the country's first free election in decades that took place in July, the public generally trusts it.

"There was no trust before the election of the National Congress that is backed by the legitimacy of the people and which chose the country's leader. There is a feeling that the national army will really be built," he said.

Frustration and turmoil as world leaders meet

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Democratic uprisings across the Arab world and the Palestinians' bid for U.N. membership sparked excitement and hope at last year's meeting of world leaders. But with war raging in Syria, the Palestinian application sidelined, and deadly protests generated by an anti-Islamic video, the mood as this year's U.N. gathering begins is one of disappointment and frustration.

More than 120 presidents, prime ministers and monarchs meeting this week under heavy security at the U.N. General Assembly and in sideline events will also be preoccupied by rising tension over Iran's nuclear program and the

possibility of an Israeli strike against Tehran's nuclear facilities, al-Qaida's inroads in the Sahel region of west Africa, especially in Mali, and the first decline in years in international aid to help developing countries combat poverty.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon predicted that the ministerial session, which starts Tuesday, will be among the busiest ever, reflecting "the tumultuous time in which we live—a time of turmoil and transition." It is also taking place "against a backdrop of widespread violence linked to intolerance," he said.

Ahead of the opening ministerial session, which President Barack Obama will address,

the U.N. chief has invited leaders to the first high-level meeting on the rule of law on Monday, hoping they "will send a strong signal to the world's people that they are serious about establishing well-functioning institutions and delivering justice."

Diplomats aren't expecting any breakthroughs on the deadlock over Syria, which Ban said "will be foremost in our minds," despite a number of sideline meetings starting Monday when the new U.N.-Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi briefs the U.N. Security Council behind closed doors on his recent talks with Syrian President Bashar Assad and other leaders in the region.



ASIAN BRIEFS

Avalanche on Nepal peak kills at least 9 climbers

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Rescue helicopters flew over the high slopes of a northern Nepal peak again Monday to search for climbers lost in an avalanche that killed at least nine mountaineers and injured others. Many of the climbers were French, German and Italian. The avalanche a day earlier hit a camp with more than two dozen climbers high up the slopes of the world's eighth-highest peak, Mount Manaslu. It came at the start of Nepal's autumn climbing season, when the end of the monsoon rains makes weather in the high Himalayas unpredictable. Police official Basanta Bahadur Kuwar said three rescue helicopters resumed the search on Monday morning. Bad weather had forced them to halt flyover searching Sunday afternoon. Other climbers and guides on the mountain were also searching on foot and had managed

Overdrive

Mazda CX-5 retains some fun while paring fuel use

By **BARRY SPYKER**
THE MIAMI HERALD

My neighbors, a nice young couple who once enjoyed their Mazda CX-7, were understandably curious when they spotted the all-new CX-5 at my place.

"We read about that ... but it looked smaller," she said, hoisting her one-year-old as she suggested her reasoning for buying

another model.

So I had the difficult and unfortunate task of explaining that, yes, it is shorter by 5 inches and has a wheelbase two inches shorter, too—but passenger space is practically the same, backseat legroom is 3 inches better, and cargo capacity is actually greater at 64.8 cubic feet with the rear seats down.

"I can't tell you exactly how

Under the Hood: Antifreeze smell could indicate leak

By **BRAD BERGHOLDT**
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Brad Bergholdt is an automotive technology instructor at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, Calif. Readers may send him email at under-the-hood@earthlink.net; he cannot make personal replies.

QUESTION: I have a 1998 Chevy S-10 and I am getting the smell of antifreeze coming from the air vents. It seems to be stronger when the heat is on. There is no antifreeze leaking anywhere in the engine or under the dash. The heater core hoses are tight, and they are both hot after warming up the engine. I just recently bought the truck and a short time after that the A/C quit working. I don't know if that would cause the smell to occur. I would hate to replace the heater core if I am not sure that that is the problem. Any advice you can give would be greatly appreciated.—Donn Dougherty

ANSWER: Your thoughts about the odor coming from the heater core are well founded as this is the only area within the truck cab where antifreeze exists. It's possible also, but less likely, that leaking coolant odors are coming in with the ventilation air from an under-hood leak.

Typically, when a heater core begins to leak, one may notice fogging of the windshield when using the defroster; damp, slimy carpet beneath the right/center of the instrument panel; and a citrus-like odor, similar to what you've described. There would also be a loss of engine coolant, but the rate may be less than you'd expect — it only takes a pint or so of leakage to create the above symptoms — and this might not be immediately evident looking at the coolant overflow bottle level. A leak from under the hood should be easy to spot on the ground.

Your heater core is a cigar box-sized mini-radiator that transfers engine heat to the passenger compartment via circulating engine coolant. This part resides deep within the heater/ventilation system, and most aren't very pleasant to renew, as quite a bit of instrument panel disassembly is often required. Most heater cores are made of thin-wall aluminum, with a large network of finned passages that provide maximum surface area for heat transfer. Over time, accelerated by deferred cooling system maintenance, internal corrosion will find a weak spot, and pressurized coolant will begin to seep into the surrounding housing, and eventually to the carpet beneath.

I have a hunch your heater core may have a tiny leak, and most of the liquid may be vaporizing, causing the odor, or hasn't yet reached a seam of the heater housing. To be sure, you may need to drill a small hole in the lowest part of the plastic housing. Slide a piece of hose or tubing on the drill bit so it can't bore more than one-quarter inch deep — you don't want to cause new problems. Then, after shutting off the fully warmed up engine and waiting perhaps 15 minutes, check for signs of coolant leakage at the test location. Even one drop of coolant means trouble.

You could buy some time by adding a single dose of Bar's Leaks or AlumAseal, which should close up a small leak at least for a while. Your S-10 heater core is about average in replacement difficulty, taking 3 to 6 hours depending on skill level, tools available, and fortitude. It's within bounds for a practiced home mechanic armed with good service information.

I can't fathom how the air conditioning working or not would be a factor regarding this odor. Refrigerant is odorless, should leakage occur. It's likely a coincidence the A/C has recently quit.



MCT

Mazda's SkyActiv engine adds fuel economy to the 2013 CX-5, but at the expense of engine power: the all-wheel-drive model takes 9.5 seconds to reach 60 mph, according to Motor Trend

they did that," I said.

"Gee, we liked our CX-7," she said, with a hint of remorse in her voice that she didn't do her homework first.

Truth is, the CX-7 brought Mazda limited success so it decided to get serious in the hottest SUV segment out there. The CX-5 is Mazda's first real entry into the compact SUV arena — if you put aside the old Tribute, which was just a rebadged Ford Escape.

And roominess is just part of the attraction of the CX-5: It is at or near the top in fuel economy, and it has a good dose of that "zoom-zoom" magic. Yeah, it's fun to drive.

CX-5 rides on a new unibody, and it looks smoother and sleeker than the 7. The front end has a new grille that is more refined looking than the 7, which likely is on its way out after this year.

Under the hood, for all CX-5s, is Mazda's new SkyActiv 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine, which is surprisingly spunky. It gets 150 hp and 155 foot-pounds of torque and propels the CX to 60 mph in about 9.5 seconds. OK, zoom-zoom it

isn't, but it's more than adequate for most folks' needs and is still enough for some fun.

All-wheel-drive is available on all trim levels, but you must get the 6-speed automatic transmission. The front-wheel-drive version offers the option of either the automatic or a 6-speed manual.

Riding on 19-inch wheels, CX-5 is nimble enough on corners and curves; it has a confident, solid feel around town and on the highway.

And the ride is quiet, too, with little noticeable road and wind noise.

A new electrically assisted power steering system has a creamy-smooth feel to it and has good reflexes.

Best of all, Mazda claims best-in-class mileage figures: 26 mph city, 33 on the highway with the front-wheel-drive, 25 city and 30 highway with the all-wheel-drive.

Inside, Mazda managed to squeeze every square inch of space out of this scaled-down CX. Even more legroom than the 7, and nearly 35 cubic feet in back for the bags or dogs. A

neat rear-seat folding system is simple to use and creates a nearly flat floor.

Front bucket seats have been redesigned and are comfortable and supportive. Rear seats are less contoured and less comfy.

As impressive as the roominess is the quality inside. Panels are clean and straight, touch surfaces feel soft and look rich. Gauges are sharp with black background and white numerals. And all controls are user friendly.

The upgraded Grand Touring gets a ton of goodies, like leath-

NUTS & BOLTS

2013 MAZDA CX-5:

■ Base price: \$20,695

■ Price as tested: \$27,045

er seats with contrast stitching, moon roof, nine-speaker Bose sound and a blind-spot monitor. Add a tech package and you get navigation (decent, but there are quicker, better systems out there), xenon lights and keyless entry.

All CX-5s get traction and stability control, antilock brakes, side air bags up front and full-length side-curtain bags. And it gets top crash-test ratings on front and side impact from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The CX-5 comes in three trims. The base Sport is well equipped with alloy wheels, full power and keyless entry, sound system with USB/USB interface. An optional Bluetooth audio package offers upgraded sound system and color monitor.

Move up to the Touring and Mazda adds upgraded cloth interior, 6-way power driver seat and blind-spot warning system.

The top-line Grand Touring is enhanced with bigger, 19-inch alloy wheels, auto headlamps and wipers, 8-way power driver seat and sweet 9-speaker Bose sound.

So don't sell this CX-5 short—even if it is shorter than the outgoing CX-7.

And, OK, it may not be the zoom-zoomiest coming from Mazda—it's no Miata or MazdaSpeed3. But it is a nimble little SUV that will reward you at the gas pump.

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Life & Style

‘Homeland’ and ‘Modern Family’ win big at Emmys

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The terrorism thriller “Homeland” and “Modern Family” were the top winners at Sunday’s Emmy Awards in a ceremony that veered between daring and predictability in honors and Jimmy Kimmel’s turn as host.

The four awards for “Modern Family” included a three-peat as best comedy series, although there was a minor backlash online as some Emmy watchers questioned whether the show had a deserving season.

“Homeland,” whose four trophies for its freshman season included honors for stars Claire Danes and Damian Lewis, stopped “Mad Men” in its tracks, denying the show a record-setting fifth best drama trophy.

Turns out the TV academy wasn’t ready to crown the Madison Avenue saga as best ever. Instead, “Mad Men” walked away without a single statuette despite a leading 17 nonnominations, making it Emmy’s biggest loser ever, said Tom O’Neil of the awards website Gold Derby.

Showtime’s “Homeland,” the cable channel’s first best drama winner, also kept Bryan Cranston from his fourth consecutive best acting award for “Breaking Bad” and made “Mad Men” star Jon Hamm an also-ran once more.

“I’m one of those pesky Brits, I apologize,” said Lewis, who plays an American. “I don’t really believe in judging art, but I thought I’d show up just in case.”

Danes, eye-catching in a bright yellow dress that gracefully draped the pregnant actress, was effusive.

“My husband, my love, my life, my baby daddy, this doesn’t mean anything without you,” she said to her spouse, actor Hugh Dancy.

Backstage, Danes said she particularly appreciated one fan: President Barack Obama has said he’s a fan of “Homeland,” about a Marine and former POW who’s suspected of working for al Qaeda.

“No pressure,” the actress said. “It’s way cool that he is a fan. It speaks to the relevancy of the show and it’s hugely validating.”

The acting trophies, along with a best writing award for the show, gave “Homeland” momentum as it headed toward the best drama award.

Kimmel, in his first turn as Emmy host, fielded some clever videos (no surprise given the famed Matt Damon-Sarah Silverman romp he inspired) but wasn’t memorable on stage as the three-hour ceremony unfolded.

Aaron Paul won best supporting drama actor for “Breaking Bad” and “Homeland” won the best writing award.

“Thank you so much for not killing me off,” Paul said of his drug-dealing character’s lucky survival. “Thank you Hollywood for allowing me to be part



The cast of “Modern Family”, from left, Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Ariel Winter, Julie Bowen, Sofia Vergara, Sarah Hyland, Ty Burrell, background, Nolan Gould, Ed O’Neill, background second left, Rico Rodriguez, Aubrey Anderson-Emmons, foreground purple dress, and Eric Stonestreet, right, winners of the best outstanding comedy series, pose backstage at the 64th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, in Los Angeles.

of your group,” he added, noting he’d moved from Idaho to pursue his dreams.

In a surprise on the comedy side, Emmy voters decided that “Two and a Half Men” with Jon Cryer and without Charlie Sheen is really good, as Cryer claimed the best comedy actor trophy.

“Don’t panic, people. Something has clearly gone terribly wrong. I’m stunned,” said Cryer, who on the red carpet before the show has expressed confidence he wouldn’t win. Among others, he beat out two-time winner Jim Parsons of “The Big Bang Theory.”

Ashton Kutcher, who joined the show after Sheen was fired, wasn’t nominated.

Julia Louis-Dreyfus was honored as best actress in comedy for “Veep.”

Andy Griffith topped a segment honoring industry members who died during the previous year. Ron Howard, who played Griffith’s son Opie in “The Andy Griffith Show,” said he belonged “in the pantheon.”

“Dang if he didn’t make it look powerful easy while he was going about it,” Howard said.

Phyllis Diller, Davy Jones of “The Monkees,” Sherman Hemsley and Richard Dawson were among the others honored in a montage.

Earlier in the show, Kimmel dared to mock the in memoriam package that typically airs at awards shows with one showing him in various guises. Josh Groban sang a mournful “You’re Beautiful” in background.

“I will be missed,” Kimmel said.

Perhaps Kimmel’s most nota-

ble achievement was a prank: Inviting “30 Rock” star Tracy Morgan to lie on the stage, then asking viewers to post on Facebook and tweet that Morgan “just passed out” and turn on ABC right now to see it. It worked, with the message going viral and maybe even boosting the Emmy audience for a few moments.

Maggie Smith was honored as best supporting drama actress for her tart-tongued dowager in “Downton Abbey,” unhurt by the program’s move from the miniseries category.

“Homeland,” the domestic espionage thriller, won the best drama writing award.

“Modern Family” made it look easy as the comedy won the best directing trophy and Eric Stonestreet and Julie Bowen claimed supporting actor awards. There was at least a minor backlash online as some questioned whether the show had a deserving season.

Stonestreet was funny and touching as he accepted for his role as half of a devoted gay couple.

“I wouldn’t be standing here without Jesse Tyler Ferguson, there is no Cam without Mitch,” he said, saluting his co-star. “We get the awesome opportunity to play these two characters on TV and show America and the world what a loving couple we can be just like everybody else.”

Then he turned saucy: “I never knew I’d be on TV as a gay man, but I love the pictures of hairy chests you guys are sending me, it’s really amazing. Thank you for those.”

Among reality competitors,

“The Amazing Race” was honored as best reality series, ninth time in 10 nominations for the award. Tom Bergeron of “Dancing With the Stars” won as best host of a reality series.

Julianne Moore’s uncanny take on Gov. Sarah Palin in the TV movie “Game Change,” about the 2008 presidential campaign, earned her best actress honors.

“I feel so validated because Sarah Palin gave me a big thumbs down,” Moore said, beaming.

Kevin Costner was named best actor for the history-based miniseries “Hatfields & McCoys,” while Tom Berenger was named best supporting actor for the project and Jessica Lange won supporting actress honors for “American Horror Story.” “Game Change” was crowned best series.

“The Daily Show with Jon Stewart” proved unstoppable, winning its 10th consecutive best variety show trophy. Stewart, discussing the lasting value of his show, apparently forgot that what flies on free-wheeling cable gets censored on network television.

“Years from now when the Earth is just a burning husk and aliens visit, they will find a box of these, and they will know, just how predictable these (several bleeps) can be,” he said.

Standup comic Louis C.K. won the Emmy for best comedy writing for “Louie” and for the special “Louis C.K. Live at the Beacon Theatre.” Said the comedian after his second win: “Thank you to audiences around the country who still go to see live comedy.”

Kimmel, who played it clean, set up one of the night’s best filmed comedy bits by musing

on what “Breaking Bad” would have been like had it aired in a G-rated, pre-cable era.

The answer: a spoof of the opening to “The Andy Griffith Show,” with “Breaking Bad” stars Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul, fully suited up to cook crystal meth, out at the lake with their fishing poles as the “Andy Griffith” whistling theme song was heard.

As a pungent punchline, they shot dead an unexpected witness: a friendly deputy billed as co-star Don Knotts.

The show started with bathroom humor: A filmed bit with Kathy Bates, Zooey Deschanel and other nominated actresses prepping in the restroom, then discovering a weeping Jimmy Kimmel lamenting a Botox reaction he said would keep him off stage as host.

“You look beautiful,” he was reassured. “You look like a ‘Real Housewife.’”

Viewers of the skit may have been puzzled by a nude Lena Dunham, the creator-star of “Girls,” who’s routinely brave about showing skin on the HBO comedy.

Not all his material worked. One bit that fell flat had Kimmel’s parents, or so the host said, escorted out of the theater because they promised he would win an Emmy and he didn’t.

“Family Guy” creator Seth MacFarlane found presenting can be tricky.

“Oh, the mic’s over there,” he said, after discovering he was on the wrong side of the stage. “This is what happens when you don’t come to rehearsal,” MacFarlane said.

Complete list of winners from Emmy broadcast

List of winners at Sunday’s 64th annual Primetime Emmy Awards presented by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences:

- **Drama Series:** “Homeland,” Showtime.
- **Actress, Drama Series:** Claire Danes, “Homeland,” Showtime.
- **Actor, Drama Series:** Damian Lewis, “Homeland,” Showtime.
- **Supporting Actor, Drama Series:** Aaron Paul, “Breaking Bad,” AMC.
- **Supporting Actress, Drama Series:** Maggie Smith, “Downton Abbey,” PBS.
- **Writing, Drama Series:** Alex Gansa, Howard Gordon, Gideon Raff, “Homeland,” Showtime.
- **Directing, Drama Series:** Tim Van Patten, “Boardwalk Empire,” HBO.
- **Comedy Series:** “Modern Family,” ABC.
- **Actor, Comedy Series:** Jon Cryer, “Two and a Half Men,” CBS.
- **Actress, Comedy Series:** Julia Louis-Dreyfus, “Veep,” HBO.
- **Supporting Actress, Comedy Series:** Julie Bowen, “Modern Family,” ABC.
- **Supporting Actor, Comedy Series:** Eric Stonestreet, “Modern Family,” ABC.
- **Writing, Comedy Series:** Louis C.K., “Louie,” FX Networks.
- **Directing, Comedy Series:** Steven Levitan, “Modern Family,” ABC.
- **Miniseries or Movie:** “Game Change,” HBO.
- **Actress, Miniseries or Movie:** Julianne Moore, “Game Change,” HBO.
- **Actor, Miniseries or Movie:** Kevin Costner, “Hatfields & McCoys,” History.
- **Supporting Actress, Miniseries or Movie:** Jessica Lange, “American Horror Story,” FX Networks.
- **Supporting Actor, Miniseries or Movie:** Tom Berenger, “Hatfields & McCoys,” History.
- **Directing, Miniseries, Movie or Dramatic Special:** Jay Roach, “Game Change,” HBO.
- **Writing, Miniseries, Movie or Dramatic Special:** Danny Strong, “Game Change,” HBO.
- **Reality-Competition Program:** “The Amazing Race,” CBS.
- **Host, Reality-Competition Program:** Tom Bergeron, “Dancing With the Stars,” ABC.
- **Variety, Music or Comedy Series:** “The Daily Show With Jon Stewart,” Comedy Central.
- **Writing for a Variety Special:** Louis C.K., “Louis C.K. Live at the Beacon Theatre,” FX Networks.
- **Directing, Variety, Music or Comedy Special:** Glenn Weiss, 65th Annual Tony Awards, CBS.

Color—and a little leg—get noticed at Emmys

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
AP FASHION WRITER

Sofia Vergara and Heidi Klum ramped up the sizzle Sunday night on the Emmy Awards red carpet that already had TV's biggest stars talking about just how hot they were because of the sweltering temperatures in Los Angeles.

Vergara wore a teal gown by Zuhair Murad with beads all over and a cutout reverse halter neckline, and Klum chose a seafoam-colored gown by Alexandre Vauthier with plunging Vs from every angle on the top and super-high slits that left very little in the middle.

They helped fuel the trend toward bright, bold color that was also worn by pregnant Claire Danes in strapless daffodil-yellow Lanvin, Julianne Moore in a long-sleeve, stretchy gown by Raf Simons for Christian Dior and Nicole Kidman in a blue-on-white-beaded gown by Antonio Berardi. All brought bona fide fashion credibility to the Nokia Theatre, even if they weren't necessarily the favorites.

Hayden Panettiere plucked her sari-style Marchesa straight from the runway, and Ginnifer Goodwin's flame-red-on-sheer-champagne strapless gown by Monique Lhuillier announced there's a new generation of style stars to reckon with.

Goodwin "went out on a limb—and it could have gone wrong—but it was great," said Stacy London, co-host of TLC's "What Not to Wear" and co-founder of Style for Hire, a personal fashion service. "It had the biggest impact on me."

Lhuillier had a banner night with Julie Bowen's strapless, trumpet-hem gown and Padma Lakshmi's orange strapless dress.

Goodwin and Klum also were early favorites of Louise Roe, Glamour editor-at-large and "Fashion Star" host. She wasn't crazy about Elisabeth Moss' printed, peplumed Dolce & Gabbana gown, which she said had a



Heidi Klum arrives at the 64th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, in Los Angeles.

AP

little too much "fussy detail."

And, Roe said, Emily VanCamp could have gone edgier than her still-lovely J. Mendel gown with pleats and hints of sexy sheer fabric. "She's young and has a killer body—she could have played around a bit more."

Hal Rubenstein of InStyle magazine, however, saw the beauty of VanCamp's gown up close and—like Moore's gown, which was Simons' red-carpet debut for Dior—needed to be appreciated for the details. "Julianne's will be the one to remember," he said. "It's a lot—and it's a blazing, flaming color—but if you saw the dress, the construction was extraordinary."

Moore said before the show: "I love the color. It's so fresh."

It didn't hurt that she also got to wear European-cut diamond earrings, weighing in at 5 carats each, and an 8.5-carat Art Deco bracelet—both by Fred Leighton.

Vergara's gown was over the top and not as sophisticated as some of her earlier red-carpet looks, but she has mastered a va-va-voom character and she consistently gives the audience what they want, the experts said.

"If Sofia Vergara showed up in a tuxedo or a boatneck gown in sable brown, you'd be furious," Rubenstein said.

When stars go for gowns that they seem more comfortable in, which is itself a trend, they look better, Rubenstein explained. Julianna Margulies is someone who always owns her dress and the Giambattista Valli strapless brocade floral fell into her pattern of making fashionable choices.

London felt the same way about Julia Louis-Dreyfus and her dark red, ruched and draped Vera Wang that she paired with Irene Neuwirth's one-of-a-kind black opal and rose-cut diamond earrings set with turquoise. "She can show the little girls how to do it. She's nuanced and talented. You never feel like her acting and you always like her, and I feel that way about her dress choices."

There was plenty of red to go with the carpet, including a cleavage-baring Kat Dennings of "2 Broke Girls" in J. Mendel and Tina Fey, who has mastered the awards-show look as she nears the end of the run of "30

Rock," in a dark red strapless with gold bust details by Vivienne Westwood.

It was good to see some unexpected red-carpet players such as Westwood, who also dressed Kerry Washington; Andrew Gn who designed Connie Britton's silver halter; and even Jason Wu on Jessica Pare. Wu designed Michelle Obama's famous inaugural gown but isn't consistent on the red carpet.

One of Mrs. Obama's other favorites, Naem Khan, scored with a bare, beaded halter gown with orange ballskirt worn by Leslie Mann.

Other impressive Emmys veterans were Amy Poehler, in a beaded, V-neck halter, and Edie Falco, whose navy-in-front, white-in-back gown was made a little sexier with sheer strips on the bodice. "Edie Falco looks 10 years younger from the last time I saw her," London said.

Zoey Deschanel played to her funny-girl, vintage-style, kooky-sexy character in an ice blue strapless gown by Reem Acra that had a poufy full skirt made of tiers of sharply cut tulle

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SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Jon Stewart delivers an f-bomb

It wouldn't be an awards show without an f-bomb.

Actually, it would be, but an f-bomb always adds spice, even when bleeped.

The man who did the honors at Sunday night's Emmy show was Jon Stewart, excitedly accepting his 10th consecutive trophy for best variety series.

He began his acceptance speech by noting that "The Daily Show" deals in topical comedy, "which has the shelf life of egg salad." He added that the Emmy does indicate "The Daily Show" has some value.

In some future age, he went on to say, holding his Emmy aloft, aliens arriving on Earth "will find a box of these."

"And they will know how predictable these (bleeping) things are," he added.

We're out of here!

Tina Fey was the first celebrity out of her seat after "Modern Family" won the last Emmy of the night and Jimmy Kimmel threatened to continue the show for another hour.

The "30 Rock" star and several others bolted for the doors closest to the stage, the most direct route to the posh Governors Ball across the street at the LA Convention Center.

Those not invited to the lavish after party had to exit through the back doors.

There was an alternate third route, however, for the last winner of the night.

That's the one the "Modern Family" crew used, winding their way through the pressroom, past the backstage area and into an elevator that held most of them.

"I'm going to latch onto one 'Modern Family' person for the rest of the night," said the show's kid star, Nolan Gould, as he was the last to make it in.

'Game change' for Tom Hanks

Tom Hanks shakes his hands, perhaps to get a good grip, as he prepares to select his take-home Emmy from the backstage trophy table.

"What do I do?" asks Hanks, who collected a trophy as one of the producers of "Game Change," honored as best miniseries or made-for-TV movie at Sunday's Emmys.

"Now what?" he asks after signing for the trophy. He's directed to a bank of ready photographers.

"Come on Rita, get in here!" A fellow "Game Change" producer shouts to Hanks' wife, Rita Wilson, as flashbulbs pop.

■ ■ ■

Quickquote: Julianne Moore

"Hurry up, hurry up! I need my Emmy."—Emmy winning "Game Change" actress Julianne Moore, waiting in line behind Emmy winning "Game Change" director Jay Roach backstage at the Emmy trophy table.

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An Emmy Kodak moment

It's Kodak Moment time backstage at the Emmys, with "The Daily Show" winners taking photos of each other holding their Emmys.

"Do they still ship these if you ask?" inquired the show's head honcho, Jon Stewart. "Yeah, because I have two children with me," he added, noting the statuette's pointy wings.

But he borrowed a trophy so he could pose for a photo with his writing team. He promised to return it before leaving the theater.

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Cast: Karl Urban, Olivia Thirlby, Lena Headey
Science fiction, Action • Rated R



Trouble With The Curve

Friday		7:05	9:40
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05
Monday thru Thursday		4:05	7:05

Cast: Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams
Drama • Rated PG13



House At The End Of The Street

Friday		7:10	9:55
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10
Monday thru Thursday		4:10	7:10

Cast: Jennifer Lawrence, Elisabeth Shue
Thriller • Rated PG13



DREDD 2D

Friday	4:15		
Saturday	4:15		
Sunday	4:15		
Monday thru Thursday	4:15		

Cast: Karl Urban, Olivia Thirlby, Lena Headey
Science fiction, Action • Rated R



Resident Evil: Retribution 3D

Friday		7:30	10:00
Saturday	1:30	7:30	10:00
Sunday	1:30	7:30	
Monday thru Thursday		7:30	

Cast: Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez
Action • Rated R



Finding Nemo 3D

Friday		7:00	9:30
Saturday	1:00	7:00	9:30
Sunday	1:00	7:00	
Monday thru Thursday		7:00	

Cast: Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Willem Dafoe
Children's/family • Rated G



Resident Evil: Retribution 2D

Friday	4:30		
Saturday	4:30		
Sunday	4:30		
Monday thru Thursday	4:30		

Cast: Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez
Action • Rated R



Finding Nemo 2D

Friday	4:00		
Saturday	4:00		
Sunday	4:00		
Monday thru Thursday	4:00		

Cast: Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Willem Dafoe
Children's/family • Rated G



The Possession

Friday		4:25	7:25	9:50
Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:25	9:50
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25	
Monday thru Thursday		4:25	7:25	

Cast: Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Kyra Sedgwick
Thriller, Horror • Rated PG13



The Odd Life of Timothy Green

Friday		4:20	7:20	9:35
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:35
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Monday thru Thursday		4:20	7:20	

Cast: Jennifer Garner, Joel Edgerton
Comedy, Drama, Fantasy • Rated PG

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Tall man's big heart aches to find the perfect match

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I'm a single guy, 33 years old. I am 6 feet 9 inches tall, and defined as husky. I only need to enter a room and it gets quiet followed by a "funny" comment about my size. I smile and laugh to put people at ease. Then I'm forgotten, a gentle giant who is called on only when people want something.

I'm sorry to say women either want nothing to do with me, or something to do with my wallet. I don't enjoy spending my life alone looked at like a freak of nature. But morning comes and I carry on in pain while wearing a smile.

I keep hoping to find that special someone who would hold me and tell me it is going to be OK. It would be nice to smile because I'm happy instead of doing it to hide pain. Do you think it will happen someday? Maybe?



Dear Abby

HURTS TO SMILE

DEAR HURTS: Yes, I do, and I'd like to suggest two things you can do to make it happen. The first is to contact a group called Tall Clubs International. It's a not-for-profit social organization for tall adults (men must be at least 6 feet 2 inches and women at least 5 feet 10 inches) that was founded in the late 1930s. It provides members with social activities and travel to cities around the U.S. and Canada for gatherings. The toll-free phone number is 888-468-2552 and the website is www.tall.org. Through this group you can meet people with whom you see eye to eye.

I would also suggest that you talk about your self-esteem issues and sadness with a licensed mental health professional. You are not a "freak"—you're a big guy with a big heart and the same need to feel accepted and wanted as everyone else.

P.S. If you repeatedly encounter women who are only after your wallet, then you're hanging around with the wrong crowd.

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DEAR ABBY: After 29 years of marriage, I am leaving. I took off my wedding ring about three weeks ago, and the indentation it left is like a permanent scar—a painful reminder of a failed marriage. Do you have any suggestions to lessen the mark left on my finger? I have considered buying myself a large precious gemstone in celebration of my freedom, but I would like to know if there are any alternatives. I'm not opposed to plastic surgery if it is necessary.

MARKED FOR LIFE IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MARKED: If you buy yourself a large ring for the third finger of your left hand, people may think you are engaged or still married. My advice is to consult a dermatologist about the mark left by your wedding ring. It's possible that some of the injectable "fillers" that are used to lessen facial lines could also work for your finger. (I'll bet it won't be the first time the doctor has been asked this question.)

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DEAR ABBY: I am a middle-aged woman in a five-year relationship with another woman. My girlfriend lives in another city and shares her home with her 30-year-old son.

During a conversation recently, she mentioned that her son massages her feet at night. I often massage her feet, and I know that foot rubs are sensual and somewhat intimate. I feel it is inappropriate for her adult son to be doing this. What do you think?

BEFUDDLED IN FLORIDA

DEAR BEFUDDLED: I think it depends upon who is doing the rubbing and the circumstances. When someone gets a foot rub from a lover or a spouse, it can be a form of foreplay. When it's done during a pedicure, it's not. I seriously doubt the woman gets turned on when her son massages her tootsies, so forget about it!

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TO MY JEWISH READERS: Sundown marks the beginning of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. During this 24-hour period, observant Jewish people fast, engage in reflection and prayer, and formally repent for any sin that might have been committed during the previous Hebrew year. To all of you—may your fast be an easy one.

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Rep: Green Day's Armstrong getting treatment

NEW YORK (AP)—Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong is headed to treatment for substance abuse.

Sunday's announcement by the band's rep comes after the 40-year-old frontman had a meltdown onstage at the iHeart-Radio Music Festival in Las Vegas on Friday. As Green Day was wrapping up its performance during the all-star, two-day concert, Armstrong profanely complained that the band's time was being cut short.

"One minute left, one minute (expletive) left. You're gonna give me (expletive) one minute? ... I'm not (expletive) Justin Bieber, you (expletives)!" he yelled (although Bieber was not part of the night's festivities).

Armstrong smashed his guitar before leaving the stage.

In a statement to The Associated Press, Green Day apologized "to those they offended at the iHeart-Radio Festival" and said its set was not cut short by Clear Channel, the host of the two-day festival.

The Grammy winning band also is canceling some of its promotional appearances. It is due to release the album "Uno" on Tuesday, the follow-up to "21st Century Breakdown," released



Billie Joe Armstrong of Green Day performs at the iHeart Radio Music Festival on Friday, Sept. 21, 2012 at the MGM Grand Arena in Las Vegas.

AP

three years ago. "Uno" is the first in a trilogy of albums; the second is to be out in November, and the last in January. The band is due to kick off a nationwide tour Nov. 26 in Seattle.

Armstrong was hospitalized in early September in Bologna, Italy, for an undisclosed ailment, but recovered well enough to perform at the MTV Video Music Awards on Sept. 6. Since then, the band has made a

series of performances, including a "Good Morning America" performance and a New York City concert for the launch of Nokia Music on Sept. 15. No interviews of the band were allowed that evening, but the band chatted with fans and Nokia and AT&T executives before performing for about two hours.

It's unclear what Armstrong is receiving treatment for; in 2003, he was arrested for DUI,

and has acknowledged in the past taking various drugs but has said he now eschews them.

Green Day is one of rock's top acts and had huge success with its 2004 politically charged album "American Idiot," which went on to become a Broadway musical. Armstrong performed for a stretch in the musical.

Most recently, he was a mentor on the NBC talent competition "The Voice."

Sharon Stone checked out before Milan auction

MILAN (AP)—Sharon Stone helped raise more than \$1.1 million ((EURO)846,000) for AIDS research at a charity auction, hours after a brief trip to a hospital during Milan Fashion Week.

The 54-year-old Stone experienced migraine-related symptoms after the Fendi runway show Saturday night, was examined at a precaution and was given a clean bill of health, the amfAR Foundation for AIDS Research said in a statement Sunday.

The foundation denied earlier reports that she had fainted.

At the charity auction Saturday night, Stone was in fine form, cracking jokes as she enticed higher bids.



American actress Sharon Stone, left, and Italian fashion designer Roberto Cavalli pose at the Amfar charity event, part of the Fashion Week in Milan, Italy, Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012.

AP

"Wild horses couldn't keep her away," the foundation said.

Designer Roberto Cavalli paid (EURO)35,000 (\$45,500) for a new interpretation of the 1972 Bocca sofa shaped like lips after Stone reclined on the piece, demonstrating its comfort.

"You can kiss my a-- anytime," she joked with Cavalli, who was sitting at Stone's table.

A 2004 Damien Hirst etching of nine colored dots called "Quene 1-AM" netted (EURO)110,000 (\$143,000) while a Robert Rauschenberg print "Site" earned (EURO)40,000 (\$52,000).

The foundation said most of the money it raises is used for research toward finding a cure for AIDS.

Springsteen celebrates birthday with mom onstage

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Bruce Springsteen celebrated his 63rd birthday onstage until nearly 2 a.m. Sunday, joined at the end by his hearty mom.

Adele Springsteen danced and sang background to "Twist and Shout," walking offstage with her son and his band at nearly 2. Her only concession to age was a pair of hastily made earplugs.

She watched as her son cut a giant cake in the shape of a guitar, passing out pieces to some



audience members.

His show in the open-air MetLife Stadium was delayed three hours Saturday by authorities because of a downpour and worries about lightning. Thousands of fans clustered on indoor ramps waiting for the rain to stop.

When it did, Springsteen and his E Street Band took

In this Aug. 14, 2012 file photo, Bruce Springsteen performs at Fenway Park in Boston.

AP

the stage at 10:30 p.m. to the strains of Wilson Pickett's "In the Midnight Hour," a song they performed when the clock hit that mark. They also covered Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Who'll Stop the Rain," and it worked.

"Thank you for your patience," Springsteen told the audience. He said it had been a long time since he had performed on his birthday.

It was the third of a three-night stand at his home state arena.

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layers. She had a manicure with little TV sets on her thumbnails - perhaps the kind of thing "El" had in mind for its mani-cam that had stars walking their fingers down a tiny red carpet.

Kiernan Shipka, the young

star of "Mad Men" who wore a Zac Posen duchess satin party dress—sounded like the fashionista she's become when she said, "I love the silhouette." Her co-star January Jones wore a Posen gown that tapped into the runway trend of a complicated harness bodice and Christina Hendricks wore a belted metallic strap-

less by Christian Siriano.

"Homeland's" Morena Baccarin strapless bodice gown with probably the deepest, sexiest neckline of the night was a bit of a marvel to London. "There is not any give in that dress. I can't understand how she'll sit." It certainly allowed her \$58,000 dangling white gold, platinum and diamond drop earrings shine.

London gave credit to Lucy Liu to pulling off a heavy metallic mesh gown by Versace. She made it look fairly effortless, London said.

She did not, however, love Kristen Wiig's "sensible shoes" that went with her Balenciaga lingerie-style lace dress. "You get to wear sensible shoes every other day. This isn't the day."

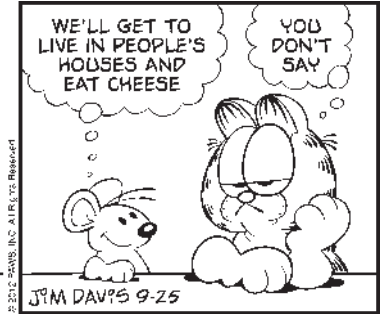
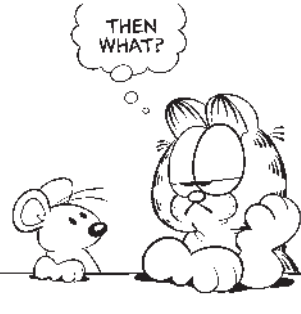
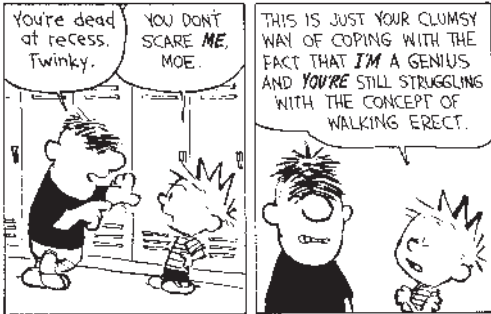
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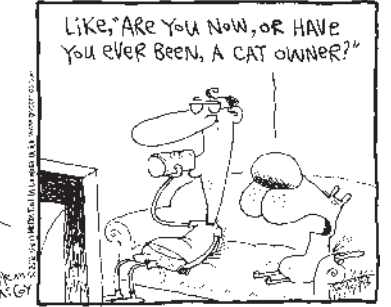
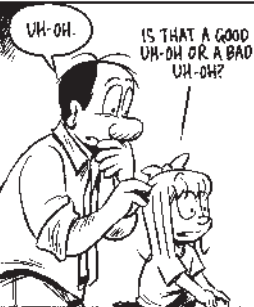


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Yesterday's answer 9-25

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Catherine Zeta-Jones, 43; Will Smith, 44; Heather Locklear, 51; Michael Douglas, 68.

Happy Birthday: Take things one step at a time. Focus on the possibilities that exist away from home and the interest you can gather by sharing your thoughts and ideas with creative doers. Socializing will result in meeting people who can offer you what you need to excel with your dreams, hopes and wishes. Romance is in the stars. Your numbers are 2, 14, 21, 28, 33, 42, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your work will be rewarding. Getting along with your colleagues and meeting new people will help you develop new prospects. Don't feel you have to spend to impress. Let your ideas buy you entry into conversations and future projects. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Ask, if you are uncertain about what's expected of you. Don't let an emotional situation interfere with what you are supposed to be working toward. Use your past experience and colleagues to help you do a stellar job now. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let anyone mislead you. Follow your instincts and grab hold of an opportunity that will help you advance socially, personally or professionally. Love is on the rise, and enjoying the company of someone you share interests with will pay off. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Wager the pros and cons of any situation before you decide to take part. Physical activity will

be gratifying; however, mental pursuits are likely to challenge and defeat you. Know your boundaries and stick to what you know best. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't get annoyed with what others do or say. Take action and make a difference. You will gain respect and admiration for your courage and no-nonsense approach to dealing with adversity. Use brain over brawn and celebrate your victory. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep your life simple. Too much of anything will work against you. Focus on using your skills to the fullest in order to do as much of the work required on your own. A problem will develop if you get involved in a joint venture. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take a moment to make home improvements. The time spent researching your plans will pay off in terms of cost and efficiency. Change can be good as long as it is structured properly. Romance will develop if you send the right signal. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let emotions stand in your way. Make changes at home that will help you explore new creative venues. You can save money if you use what you already have instead of buying something new. Use common sense and you will excel. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick to your game plan and you will show stamina, strength and consistency. Good luck is in your corner with regard to work and domestic deals. Travel and romance will go

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hand in hand. A little romance will bring you high returns. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Misinterpretation or a lack of understanding regarding information necessary to do what's requested will hurt your reputation. Ask questions, but do so diplomatically in order to avoid a negative response. Delays while traveling can be expected. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Show your appreciation to those you deal with contractually, financially, legally or medically and you will receive extra attention. Greater opportunities and friendships will develop if you are social and sincere. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your life and your relationships simple and honest. Take better care of your health and wellness. Mishaps can turn out to be costly. Follow your intuition; it won't lead you astray. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive and express your desires in a charming but forceful manner. Eugenia's Web sites: eugenialast.com for confidential consultations, myspace.com/eugenialast for Eugenia's blog, astroadvice.com for fun

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

Solution: 11 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Menswear
THE COLLECTED WONDERWORD: Menswear. Menswear is a collection of words that can be used to describe a man's clothing. Menswear includes items such as shirts, pants, jackets, shoes, and accessories. Menswear is a collection of words that can be used to describe a man's clothing.

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Snedeker pulls away to win FedEx Cup and \$10M

ATLANTA (AP)—With the biggest round of his career, Brandt Snedeker won something far more valuable than money Sunday.

He proved to himself he could beat the best in the world.

Snedeker knew his best chance to be the FedEx Cup champion was to win the Tour Championship, no simple task with East Lake as tough as ever and Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods going after the same prize.

Snedeker was the only player in the last five groups to break par.

He answered the final challenge with three big birdies on the back nine, building such a big lead that his final tee shot sailed into the grandstands to the left of the 18th green and it didn't even matter. Snedeker still closed with a 2-under 68 for a three-shot win in the Tour Championship, and a \$10 million bonus for winning the FedEx Cup.

But this was never about money.

"I think it solidifies what I already know," Snedeker said. "I think when I play my best golf, my best golf is some of the best in the world. I've never had more confidence in myself than I have the last five weeks, and I made sure that I kept telling myself that all day. I am one of the best players in the world. This is supposed to happen. It's OK to feel nervous, and no matter what I feel today, everybody else in the field feels exactly the same way I do."

"So go out there and get it done. I did a great job of that."

McIlroy, the best player in golf this year and the No. 1 seed going into the Tour Championship, faded early by dropping four shots in a four-hole span on the front nine. So did Woods, who already was 3 over on his round before making his first birdie on the par-5 ninth.

Snedeker wound up with a three-shot victory over Justin Rose (71) to win the Tour Championship, his second win this year and a trophy that came with



Brandt Snedeker hits from a bunker on the 10th hole during the final round of the Tour Championship golf tournament in Atlanta, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012. Snedeker won the event and the FedEx Cup.

\$1.44 million. Add the \$10 million bonus from the FedEx Cup, and it's the richest payoff in golf.

Big deal.

The 31-year-old from Nashville, Tenn., calls that kind of money "crazy talk ... like winning the lottery." Far greater perspective came from a 30-minute hospital visit Sunday morning with Tucker Anderson, the son of his swing coach who was critically injured in a car accident and is in a responsive coma.

"I asked him if he thought I was going to beat Rory McIlroy, and he gave me a wink," Snedeker said.

He beat McIlroy out of the FedEx Cup, and everyone else in his way at East Lake. Ryan Moore was tied for the lead with birdies on the 14th and 15th holes, only to make bogey on the last three holes for a 70 to tie for third with Luke Donald (67).

McIlroy had won the last two playoff events and three of his last four tournaments dating to his record eight-shot win at the PGA Championship. He still is virtually a lock to be voted PGA Tour player of the year, but he had to settle for second place - and a \$3 million bonus - in the FedEx Cup.

And so ends the most successful

year yet in the FedEx Cup - four wildly entertaining playoff events packed with the biggest names, even if the No. 1 player in the world wound up at No. 2.

"I'm a little disappointed, but at the same time, Brandt really deserves to win," McIlroy said. "He played the best golf out of anyone. He knew what he needed to do. He needed to come in here and win. He controlled his own destiny, just like I did. And he was able to come and do that. So because of that, he really deserves it."

How can Snedeker explain winning the FedEx Cup over a player who won twice during the playoffs?

"Life is all about timing," he said, grinning.

Snedeker, who finished on 10-under 270, won for the fourth time in his career and moved into the top 10 in the world for the first time.

It also was his first time winning with a share of the lead going into the last day. In his previous three wins, he came from five shots, six shots and seven shots behind, the latter at Torrey Pines this year.

That's what made Sunday feel more valuable than the cash. That's what he takes to the Ryder Cup next week at Medinah, where no one can question why U.S. captain Davis Love III picked him for the team.

"I'm a lot better under pressure than I gave myself credit for," Snedeker said. "I learned that over the last four weeks. I've had a lot of pressure the last four weeks and a bunch of different stuff going on in my life. To be able to focus in and do what I did was pretty impressive."

Snedeker joins Woods (twice), Vijay Singh, Jim Furyk and Bill Haas as winners of the FedEx Cup in its six-year history.

It was an emotional week in so many ways for Snedeker, already a high-strung personality. His father, Larry, flew in to watch final round at East Lake, only the second tournament he has attended since having a liver transplant last year. And then came the visit with Tucker.

"It just made me realize ... as much as I made today out to be important, how unimportant it really is," he said. "It got me focused on the small stuff, which I did a great job of doing today."

But he delivered some big shots - a 40-foot birdie putt on No. 8, just two holes after he dumped his tee shot into the water on the par-3 sixth and made double bogey; the 18-foot birdie putt on No. 13 that gave him momentum on the back nine; and a chip-in for birdie from short of the 17th green that effectively clinched it.



NEW YORK, N.Y.—Cliff Pennington hit a go-ahead single in the

sixth inning after a key error by backup shortstop Eduardo Nunez and the Oakland Athletics bounced back to avoid a sweep, edging New York 5-4 Sunday and stopping the Yankees' seven-game winning streak.

A day after their stunning 14-inning loss, the A's held on to at least maintain their 2 1/2-game lead for the second AL wild-card spot over the Angels, who played later.

The Yankees kept their one-game lead in the AL East because Baltimore lost in Boston.

Red Sox 2, Orioles 1

In Boston, Cody Ross doubled in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, Andrew Bailey escaped a bases-loaded jam in the ninth and the Red Sox ended Baltimore's six-game winning streak.

The Orioles began the day one game behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East and two games ahead of Oakland for the top wild-card spot in the league.

Angels 4, White Sox 1

In Anaheim, Jered Weaver kept the Angels within striking distance in the AL wild-card chase, posting his league-leading 19th victory with a decision over the struggling White Sox.

A's halt Yankees' winning run

The White Sox lost their fifth in a row and led Detroit by a half-game in the AL Central.

Twins 10, Tigers 4 Game 1 Twins 2, Tigers 1, 10 innings Game 2

In Detroit, Jamey Carroll hit an RBI single in the 10th inning and the Twins beat Detroit, winning both games of a doubleheader to prevent the Tigers from at least tying the Chicago White Sox atop the AL Central.

Chicago still has a one-game lead in the division despite extending its losing streak to five with a 4-1 loss earlier in the day against the Los Angeles Angels.

Indians 15, Royals 4

In Kansas City, Carlos Santana hit two homers and drove in five runs as the Indians routed Kansas City in their highest-scoring game of the season.

Santana connected for a two-run shot in the sixth inning off Jake Odorizzi, who lost in his major league debut.

Rays 3, Blue Jays 0

In St. Petersburg, B.J. Upton hit his eighth home run in 14 games and Jeremy Hellickson won for the first time in

more than a month to help the Rays beat the Blue Jays.

It was the fifth straight win for the Rays.

Rangers 3, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Ryan Dempster allowed two runs and six hits over six-plus innings and Mike Napoli and Geovany Soto homered to lead the Rangers over the Mariners and preserve a four-game lead over the Oakland A's in the AL West.

Solo homers by Eric Thames and Brendan Ryan off Dempster (12-7) in the seventh inning were the only blemishes to a strong outing.

Cardinals 6, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Kyle Lohse and the short-handed St. Louis Cardinals won for the sixth time in seven games, holding their lead in the NL wild-card race with a 6-3 win over the Chicago Cubs.

Lohse (16-3) made his team-leading 32nd start, giving up three runs and five hits in six innings.

Brewers 6, Nationals 2

In Washington, Jonathan Lucroy had a pair of RBI singles and Milwaukee beat Washington to keep the Brewers in the playoff chase.

Rickie Weeks had three hits while

Aramis Ramirez had two doubles for Milwaukee, which twice benefitted from Washington outfielders losing fly balls in the sun.

Braves 2, Phillies 1

In Philadelphia, Tim Hudson tossed two-hit ball over 7 1-3 innings to help the Braves move to the brink of a playoff spot with a win over the Phillies.

Hudson (16-6) struck out four and allowed one unearned run to send the Braves back to Atlanta with a shot at winning an NL wild-card berth.

Pirates 8, Astros 1

In Houston, A.J. Burnett allowed one run in eight innings for his 16th win, and Josh Harrison tied a career high with four hits to jumpstart Pittsburgh's offense in a win over Houston.

The win snapped a five-game skid for the Pirates, who at 75-77 are in danger of posting their 20th straight losing season.

Mets 3, Marlins 2

In New York, Ruben Tejada singled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning to give the Mets a victory over Miami.

Tejada lined a pitch from right-hand-

er Ryan Webb (4-3) into shallow left field and sprinted toward first with his finger in the air as the rest of the Mets poured out of the dugout.

Diamondbacks 10, Rockies 7

In Denver, Aaron Hill hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the eighth inning and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat Colorado, the Rockies' season-high ninth straight loss.

Arizona remained 4 1/2 games behind St. Louis for the second NL wild-card spot.

Padres 6, Giants 4

In San Francisco, Yonder Alonso's two-run single in the seventh inning snapped a tie and helped the Padres beat the Giants.

Mark Kotsay hit a home run and Yasmani Grandal also drove in a run for the Padres, who had lost four of their previous five games.

Dodgers 5, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, Adrian Gonzalez hit a pair of solo homers off Homer Bailey on Sunday night, powering the Dodgers to a victory over the Reds that let them keep pace in the wild card race.

The Dodgers remained three games behind St. Louis and a half-game behind Milwaukee for the final NL playoff spot. All three won on Sunday.

Manning comes up short, Texans beat Broncos



DENVER (AP)— Fall behind by 20. Mount a furious comeback. Lose by six.

The ugly interceptions didn't play into Peyton Manning's second straight defeat, but so much of the rest of it sounded like a broken record - the likes of which the Broncos quarterback doesn't want to hear anymore.

Matt Schaub lost a small chunk of his ear after a brutal hit, but still outplayed Manning, throwing for four touchdowns against a confused Broncos defense Sunday to stake the Houston Texans to a big lead on the way to a 31-25 victory.

"We have to learn from this game, address it, be honest, everybody needs to be accountable and try to improve forward," Manning said. "It's not the ideal situation. Everybody would love to be 3-0. That's not the way it is right now."

It is for Houston, which won its first three games for the first time in the franchise's 11-season history and beat Manning for only the third time in 19 tries—and for the first time ever in a road game.

Manning finished 26 for 52 for 330 yards with no interceptions and two touchdowns. This was his 64th career 300-yard passing game, breaking a tie for the record with Dan Marino. But both of Manning's touchdown passes and 120 of his yards came after the Broncos (1-2) had fallen behind by 20, the way they did in Atlanta last Monday when their rally came up short in a 27-21 loss.

"It's hard to think about anything, really, besides losing two games in a row in a tough fashion," Manning said.

In the Atlanta game, the Denver defense couldn't get the ball back for Manning at the end. This time, it did, but the drive started at the Denver 14-yard line with 20 seconds left and ended with a lost fumble after Broncos receivers tried lateraling at midfield on the last play.

Manning threw three interceptions in the first quarter of the Atlanta game to match his worst quarter in 15 years in the NFL. This time, it was the defense's mistakes, not his own, that put him in the hole.

"Second week in a row we lost by six points," Denver coach John Fox said. "It's the second week in a row we started very slowly. Different side of the ball this time."

Schaub threw for 290 yards. He took advantage of blown coverages to connect with Andre Johnson for a 60-yard score and Kevin Walter for a 52-yard touchdown en route to a 21-5 lead in the second quarter.

After the second score, starting cornerback Tracy Porter was not corner on the field again.

Porter, who returned an interception for a touchdown in Denver's only win this year - the season opener against



Houston Texans tight end Owen Daniels (81) dives over the goal line for a touchdown as he is hit by Denver Broncos strong safety Chris Harris (25) and outside linebacker Von Miller (58) in the third quarter of an NFL football game Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, in Denver.

Pittsburgh - spent the rest of the game guarding the Gatorade table on the sideline. Fox said he had a knee injury. Porter's clothes were still hanging in his locker when reporters were asked to leave the locker room.

"We knew that we had to try to get the ball downfield because they had a lot of people committed to the run," said Texans coach Gary Kubiak, the longtime Denver quarterback and assistant coach, who got his 50th career win. "We did what we had to do to win, convinced them that we had to make some big plays and they did."

Schaub's final touchdown was a 14-yard pass to tight end Owen Daniels, who was locked in one-on-one coverage against a slower defender, linebacker Von Miller. It gave the Texans a 31-11 lead with 1:33 left in the third quarter - placing the Houston defense in the prevent and Manning into desperation mode.

That touchdown pass came about 10 minutes after Schaub was leveled by Joe Mays, which resulted in Denver's second consecutive roughing-the-passer penalty and, eventually, a Texans field goal for a 24-11 lead. Schaub came out for a play and had a big, bloody mark on his left ear.

"I felt fine," Schaub said. "I just lost a piece of my ear. I was bleeding and my helmet came off. So, I had to come out for a play, but I was fine."

Manning had his ups and downs—making some throws to prove the arm strength is certainly there, but also coming up short on a couple of those

18-yard out patterns that are as routine for NFL quarterbacks as making the bed.

His best downfield throw was the 38-yard touchdown to Brandon Stokley that pulled the Broncos within 31-18 with 9:49 left. His second score was a 6-yard touchdown that ricocheted into Joel Dreessen's hands with 3 minutes left.

There were no interceptions, but that's not to say Houston didn't have its way with the 36-year-old quarterback, who came into the game with 42 career touchdowns against the team he started beating when it was in its expansion season, back in 2002.

Manning's biggest headache in this one was second-year defensive end J.J. Watt, who finished with 2 1/2 sacks and forced a holding call in the third quarter that nullified a 36-yard gain.

Titans 44, Lions 41

In Nashville, Rob Bironas kicked a 26-yard field goal in overtime, and the Titans stopped backup quarterback Shaun Hill on fourth-and-1 at the Tennessee 7 to pull out a 44-41 win over the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

The Titans (1-2) blew a 20-9 halftime lead in a crazy game featuring big plays, scoring swings and some suspect officiating. Detroit scored 18 straight points, then Tennessee answered with 21 points before the Lions scored the final 14 of regulation. Detroit recovered an onside kick and got an assist from officials who did not review a possible turnover.

Chiefs 27, Saints 24 OT

In New Orleans, Ryan Succop kicked six field goals, one to force overtime in the final seconds and another from 31 yards to lift Kansas City to its first win and keep New Orleans winless.

Succop's 43-yard field goal with 3 seconds left completed a methodical comeback by Kansas City (1-2) after the Saints (0-3) had cashed in on a pair of Chiefs turnovers to go ahead 24-6 in the third quarter.

Vikings 24, 49ers 13

In Minneapolis, Christian Ponder threw two touchdown passes to tight end Kyle Rudolph and ran for another score to help the Vikings hand the 49ers their first defeat.

After a dominant start to their NFC North tour by decisively beating playoff teams Green Bay and Detroit, the 49ers (2-1) were beaten in every way by a team least likely to do so.

Falcons 27, Chargers 3

In San Diego, Matt Ryan threw touchdown passes to three different receivers and safety Thomas DeCoud had two interceptions and a fumble recovery for unbeaten Atlanta.

Ryan completed 30 of 40 passes for 275 yards, with his first interception of the season, and a passer rating of 107.8 for the Falcons (3-0), who improved to 6-0 all-time in San Diego. DeCoud's three takeaways, plus William Moore's fourth-quarter fumble recovery, extended the Falcons' NFL-high turnover differential to plus-10.

Raiders 34, Steelers 31

In Oakland, Sebastian Janikowski kicked a 43-yard field goal on the last play as Oakland scored the final 13 points after wide receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey was knocked out and hospitalized by a scary hit.

The game turned sombre early in the fourth quarter when Heyward-Bey was knocked unconscious by a helmet-to-helmet hit in the end zone by Steelers safety Ryan Mundy.

Cardinals 27, Eagles 6

In Glendale, Kevin Kolb threw for 222 yards and two touchdowns and James Sanders returned one of Michael Vick's two fumbles 93 yards for a touchdown, and Arizona is off to its best start in 38 years.

Arizona (3-0) sacked Vick five times in winning its seventh straight home game, the second-longest streak in franchise history.

Jets 23, Dolphins 20 OT

In Miami, Nick Folk received a reprieve when his blocked field-goal attempt was negated by a timeout, and his second try was a successful 33-yarder with 6:04 left in overtime.

Mark Sanchez hit Santonio Holmes for a 38-yard gain to set up the kick. Two plays later, Folk's try was blocked, but officials whistled the play dead as the ball was snapped because the Dolphins had called timeout.

Jaguars 22, Colts 17

In Indianapolis, Blaine Gabbert connected with Cecil Shorts

III on an 80-yard touchdown pass with 45 seconds left to lift Jacksonville to its first win of the season.

Maurice Jones-Drew ran for 177 yard, but Jacksonville (2-1) needed Gabbert's big play. The Colts (1-2) had taken the lead 17-16 after Andrew Luck drove them 48 yards in five plays to set up Adam Vinatieri's 37-yard field goal with 56 seconds left.

Cowboys 16, Buccaneers 10

In Arlington, DeMarco Murray had an 11-yard touchdown run, Dan Bailey kicked three field goals and Dallas won its home opener.

A week after the Buccaneers' big push against the Giants in their victory formation, Tampa Bay used a pair of timeouts in the final 40 seconds after a failed onside kick attempt.

Bengals 38, Redskins 31

In Landover, Andy Dalton completed 19 of 27 passes for 328 yards and three touchdowns for Cincinnati.

The Bengals blew a 24-7 first-half lead, but two touchdown passes by Dalton in the fourth quarter made the difference.

Bears 23, Rams 6

In Chicago, Major Wright returned an interception 45 yards for a touchdown and Chicago's defence had six sacks on Sam Bradford and held St. Louis to 160 total yards.

That was enough on a day when Jay Cutler struggled, and the Bears (2-1) came away with the win after an ugly loss to Green Bay the previous week. The Rams fell to 1-2.

Bills 24, Browns

In Cleveland, Ryan Fitzpatrick threw three touchdown passes and Buffalo overcame the loss of running back C.J. Spiller in snapping an eight-game road losing streak.

Fitzpatrick finished 22 of 35 for 208 yards as the Bills (2-1) turned to their passing game after Spiller, the NFL's leading rusher, was lost in the first quarter with a shoulder injury.

The Bills hadn't won outside Buffalo since the 2011 season opener at Kansas City.

Ravens 31, Patriots 30

In Baltimore, operating with little sleep and much emotion, Torrey Smith played a magnificent game under the most difficult circumstances.

His teammates on the Baltimore Ravens helped Smith cope, then provided him a victory for his effort.

Rookie Justin Tucker kicked a 27-yard field goal as time expired, giving the Ravens a 31-30 victory over the New England Patriots on Sunday night in a rematch of the AFC championship game.



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Ackerman



Lopez



Minor



Miller

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Seven CNMI junior tennis players earned slots on the ITF Pacific Touring Team that will compete in New Zealand and Australia this December and in January next year.

Making it to the select squad are U12's Isabel Heras and Carol Lee, U15's Negahr Rastguir, Tammy Ackerman, and Mikayla Lopez, and U18's Thea Minor and Christian Miller. The Commonwealth's U12 players are invited to participate in at least three tournaments in New Zealand, while the rest will be competing in Australia and will have a chance to watch games in the 2012 Australian Open in



Melbourne.

"This is a great opportunity for our players. Joining tournaments in Australia and New Zealand will give them a chance to play in highly competitive games," Race said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

The CNMI coach added that having seven representatives on the ITF Pacific Touring Team is

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Ashley's, Hi-Five rout opponents

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Ashley's and Hi-Five took win No. 2 easily, as they clobbered their respective foes in the 2012 Emon Lodge 179

Basketball League-Docomo Brotherhood Cup last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Hi-Five (2-1) walloped Servitek, 83-

54, in the curtain raiser, while Ashley's (2-2) eased past the Archers in the second match of the night, 92-69.

The Hi-Five-Servitek bout was over right at the first quarter with the former building a 20-7 lead. Servitek fell early and was badly beaten in the last three periods as it failed to match up with Hi-Five's strong frontline and deep bench.

Big men Alex Standish, Charlie Peters, and James Lee bannered Hi-Five and they combined for 35 big points

with the former scoring 16 markers. Lee added 10 and Peters chipped in 9. Three other Hi-Five players finished in double figures with Ponce Rasa making 11 and Jeff Qutugua and Jesus Iguel tallying 10 apiece.

As usual, Clayton Kenty led Servitek with his 21 points. Don Brennan and Dennis Morales also had twin digits with 10 markers apiece, but their baskets created little impact for the win-

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NMIFA recognizes spring league awardees



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The boys U18's Best 11 pose with NMIFA officials during the awards ceremony last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association honored the top performers in the 2012 NMIFA Youth Spring League in a ceremony that coincided with the launching of the M-League last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The association recognized the Best

11 in the boys U18 and U15 and the Best 9 in the girls U15, with NMIFA president Jerry Tan handing awardees miniature trophies. Assisting Tan in the trophy presentation were NMIFA Youth Committee chair Vickie Izuka and NMIFA general secretary Ed Salas.

Named to U18's Best 11 were forwards Zhi Lin of Paire FC and MP United's Jehn Joyner; midfielders Chris Park and Joon Lee of MP United, Tanapon Unsa of Tan Holdings FC, and Juanito Tiamzon of Paire FC; defend-

ers Kaisei Toda and Greg Kim of MP United FC, Kenneth Domingo of Tan Holdings FC, and Raphael Zapanta of Paire; and goalkeeper Gregzon Fontanilla of MP United.

MP United also dominated the Best 11 in the boys U15 with defenders Enrico Del Rosario, Kennedy Izuka, John Diego Masga, and Ryan Kim, Joyner, and midfielder Dakota Hall making the list. Completing the elite cast are Matansa forward Sean Perez, Paire mid-

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Ashley's Perry Inos, right, challenges the shot of the Archers' Bitoy Musni during the first quarter of their game in the Emon Lodge caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Titans II, Hustlers still on top in SBA league

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Utopia Sports Bar's Blue Ice Hustlers and the 19th Hole Bar's Titans II remain the frontrunners in the Saipan Billiards Association's 15th Budweiser Open 8-Ball League.

The Blue Ice Hustlers roughed up

Yuichiro Printing (53-82 of Poseidon Bar & Grill at home, 10-5, to uphold their lead in the Tuesday division with an 84-51 record.

Defending champion SOS Bar & Grill's IT&E Voyagers (83-52), however, pulled to within a game of the Hustlers' lead after an 11-4 romping at home over Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's Triggers (61-74).

The now third-ranked Oceanside's

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